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'Humble' coach earns teaching acclamation

With nomination,
Turner gives coaches
motivation to teach

BY GENIE UNDERNEHR

EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Every year, each college in Missouri selects one of its instructors to receive the Governor's Award for Excellence in Teaching.

College President Julio Leon has selected Warren Turner, associate professor of physical education and head baseball coach, as Missouri Southern's 1995 recipient.

The award will be presented Dec. 7 at the Governor's Conference on Higher Education at St. Louis Community College-Forest Park.

Leon said Turner demonstrates the importance for good values and teaching.

"It's important to nominate an outstanding teacher," Leon said. "He is distinguished for what he does inside and outside the classroom and for what he does with students and athletes in terms of community service."

"We are very proud of him and proud to have him represent Missouri Southern."

Turner, who has been at Southern

Turner's teaching motto

I believe...
• STUDENT is the most important person entering this facility.
• STUDENT is not an interruption of my work.
• STUDENT is the purpose of us.
• I am here along the STUDENT's favor.
• STUDENT is entitled to my help.
• STUDENT is not a cold number.
• STUDENT is a flesh-and-blood human being with fears and wants like my own.
• STUDENT is a person who brings me real friends and it is my job to help as expeditiously and courteously as possible.
Take care of the STUDENT.
That's why I'm here.

for 19 years, said he was completely surprised by the nomination.

"I'm humble," he said. "I'm just happy to be nominated. To be compared to Dr. [Jim] Jackson [professor of biology] or Dr. [Judith] Conboy [the late professor of sociology] is a great honor."

"My biggest challenge now is to maintain the highest degree of efficiency."

Turner said the nomination is a big step forward for all coaches.

"People think coaches just coach," he said. "It's a common stereotype. But it's also important for us to do a good job in the classroom."

"To me, winning is a secondary thing. We try to teach, we teach

hard, and we let the winning come."

Leon said a big factor in Turner's selection was his team's involvement in community service. Turner first got his players involved in helping the community 10 years ago when Higdon Florist burned down.

"Christmas was a big time for the owner," he said. "We went in, cleaned the place out, and helped him get back on his feet."

Turner requires each of his players to contribute to projects the team undertakes.

"It's a way for me to pay back society," he said. "The players do it because it educates them on the importance of helping the community and the College. It's good for them to be involved and to learn by helping people."

Matt Nelson, senior management major, has been a member of the baseball team for five years. He was not surprised about his coach's nomination.

"It's expected," Nelson said. "He deserves it. He takes pride in helping people out, and I definitely enjoy it. It's a good character builder."

Turner said he has seen lasting effects in the community.

"People appreciate it, and they help us by supporting our athletic programs," he said. "When people know you and your players, they will come out and support you." □



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Missouri Southern baseball coach Warren Turner talks to his players Wednesday at Joe Becker Stadium. Turner was nominated for the Governor's Award for Excellence in Teaching to be announced Dec. 7.

An important part of college life is finding friends and learning from relationships. With recent problems relating to student fraternities, it's time to take a closer look at our ...

Greeks, College having trouble communicating

By RICK ROGERS

ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Because of the recent suspensions and probations clouding the Sigma Pi and Sigma Nu fraternities, Missouri Southern's Greek circle may be headed for a flatline.

With Southern's enrollment comprised mostly of commuter students, Doug Carnahan, dean of students, said it is difficult to compare the College's Greek system to Missouri Western State College and Northwest Missouri State University.

Western has a Greek community consisting of five fraternities and three sororities, while Northwest has nine fraternities and five sororities.

Carnahan said it is tough for Southern to compete with residential-based colleges and universities.

"Fraternities are a part of student life, but at a place like Northwest you are out of it if you are not in a fraternity or sorority," he said. "That is the whole center of their social life. Here you can still have a great college experience without being in a Greek organization."

Many of Southern's Greek members blame the absence of sponsored houses for the lack of interest in Greek life.

But Carnahan said the College has offered the Greeks living arrangements on campus. He said he would allow any of the fraternities or sororities to live together in one of the eight apartment buildings.

"We are willing to do that now if we get the number of [members in] one organization that wants to live together in a cer-

CAREER PLANNING & PLACEMENT

Loome to resign from position at year's end

By J.L. GRIFFIN

ASSOCIATE EDITOR

At this morning's Board of Regents meeting, the Board was expected to release Nancy Loome, director of career planning and placement, from her contract.

Dr. Glenn Dolence, vice president for student services, announced at the administrative council meeting Tuesday that Loome would be leaving the College Dec. 31.

Other colleges 'proud' of their programs

By RICK ROGERS

ASSOCIATE EDITOR

As Missouri Southern's Greeks members whittle away, other colleges and universities' programs have made an about-face.

Dr. Forrest Hoff, dean of students at Missouri Western State College, said the main reason his Greek system has found success is because of members' own actions. Western has five fraternities and three sororities.

"I have been extremely proud of our groups," Hoff said. "Up until three years ago we had only one national fraternity and no sororities. The college has always had the philosophy that we want the fraternities and sororities. We think they are very good for the college, and we preach that."

Western's lone fraternity three years ago, Phi Sigma Kappa, established the momentum for the revival of the col-

lege's Greek system, Hoff said.

"We had another large group of guys who got interested and got affiliated with Phi Delta Zeta and received their charter," he said. "I think that was probably the stepping stone for all these other groups to get going."

"I don't really know what the reason is for the recent upsurge, but I love it."

Hoff said the recent upswing in the number of residential students has also helped the Greek system.

Dusty Davis, coordinator of residential life at Western, said the college has built two new residence halls to attract students from across the state and region. The residence halls currently hold 1,021 students, compared to 600 before the new facilities were added.

"We have always had a waiting list here, and I think Missouri Western is growing as a whole," Davis said. "The main thing is that our residence halls are top-of-the-line."

"We would have done a majority vote, and if everyone approved it, then I think we would have gone for it," he said. "Overall, I would think there would be an interest in it. It would provide for the Greeks and would be better for all chapters."

Melinda Overman, president of the Zeta Tau Alpha sorority, concurred with Zaerr about the residence hall option.

"I have never heard of anything like that," Zaerr said. "I went up to CMSU [Central Missouri State University], and that is the way it works up there, and they seem like that system. But I have never heard that being the case at Missouri Southern at all."

Zaerr said he thinks the Sigma Pis would be in favor of the proposal.

Carnahan points to a lack of communica-

Kent Porterfield, assistant dean of students at Northwest Missouri State University, said new method of recruiting Greek members is one of the keys to the recent success of Northwest's Greek circle. Northwest has nine fraternities and five sororities.

"Three years ago we went away from a more formal rush to what they call continuous bidding, which is a more formal type of bidding," Porterfield said. "All three of those years we have seen an incline in our numbers."

Even though Northwest does not sponsor Greek houses off campus, it allows the Greeks to reside in the residence halls. Porterfield said all of the sororities live in an annex located on campus.

"It makes a lot of difference in the type of community you can create," he said. "Having the sororities living on campus does a lot for building relationships between the sororities." □

tion between the Greek community and the College as the root of the system's plight.

"One of the negative things Greeks tend to do, especially the fraternities, is to isolate themselves," he said. "They want to go their own way and not cooperate with anyone else. We can offer all the help in the world, but they always act like everything is fine."

Loran Newsom, president of the Kappa Alpha Order, said he has noticed improvements in the relationship of Greeks and the College this year.

"In the past I think the communication between the two were bad, but it has gotten better," Newsom said. "The Greeks

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PHYSICAL PLANT

Stiff winds damage Southern

By RYAN BRONSON

EXECUTIVE EDITOR

Recent quirks in the power system at Missouri Southern have left parts of the College in a state of chaos.

On Thursday, Nov. 9, a lightning arrester exploded near the mansion, causing a momentary loss of power and spreading debris onto several automobiles parked in the area.

On Sunday, a wire that ties two high-voltage lines together failed by virtue of strong winds.

It was only a coincidence the two incidents occurred within three days of one another, according to Bob Beeler, director of the physical plant.

"Mr. Murphy has just really worked well for us this week," said Beeler sarcastically. "We have had a series of events that are really totally unrelated to each other."

Beeler said the first power outage caused little damage to the College or its systems, but Sunday's incident damaged several portions of the College's system.

"Several motors burned up [and we had damage to] air compressors," he said. "We had some refrigeration equipment that was damaged. A lot of control parts are going to have to be replaced."

The damage from the second outage resulted because several machines on campus were unable to detect that one of the phases of the College's three-phase power system was lost.

"There are devices that you can put on equipment that sense that the voltage on one of the three phases, for instance, has dropped off and it will trip the machine," Beeler said.

He said the College doesn't have an estimate as to how much it will cost to fix the damage but that it shouldn't exceed the College's \$5,000 deductible policy.

Beeler said the Nov. 9 explosion shouldn't cost the College any money.

"When the lightning arrester exploded, as bad as it was, the substation down the road tripped momentarily and dropped all three phases off line," he said. "That hurt us because the computer center had to go down and some other things happened. But we didn't have that single phasing problem. Even though some cars were damaged and things like that,

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regents took any action.

Loome was on vacation this week.

"It takes action if the Board officially releases someone," Dolence said.

Dolence added that Loome was still officially employed and the Board could have "forced her" to honor her contract.

When contacted last week, Loome would not say why she was resigning. Dolence said Loome was leaving due to her husband's recent promotion.

Loome came to Missouri Southern in



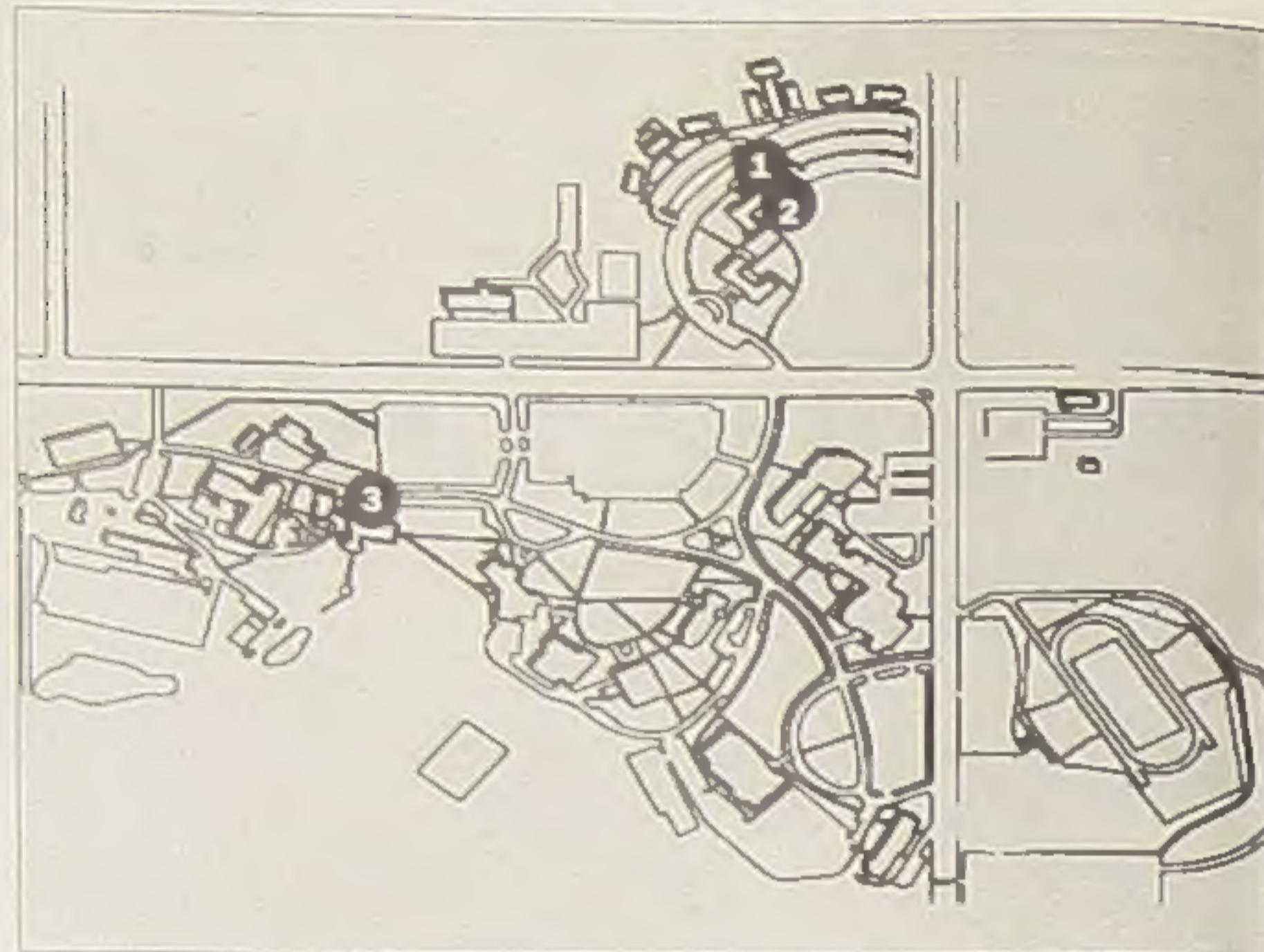
Loome

January 1988 after a stint in a similar position at her alma mater, Delta State University in Mississippi. Loome took the position after the previous director, Lorine Miner, died during the summer of 1987. The College went without a career planning and placement director for the fall semester of 1987.

Dolence said Loome would be dearly missed by the College.

"She will leave a huge void for us to fill," he said. □

SECURITY REPORT



- 1** 11/6/95 BLAINE HALL 10 a.m. Jim Werberger, custodian at Blaine Hall, reported a concrete pot that sat on the south side of the main entrance was stolen overnight.

2 11/7/95 BLAINE HALL 11:15 p.m. Joplin police officers chased a male suspect from the Royal Orleans Apartments into Blaine Hall. A cursory search of the area provided no clues to the suspect's whereabouts. A male student living in the residence halls identified the suspect as a Missouri Southern student but could not give a name.

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An advertisement for Ozark Athletic Supply. It features a silhouette of a baseball player on the left, a trophy on the right, and the company's name and address in the center. The text is in a bold, sans-serif font.

have no association with the College.

"It would be all be underground and secretive, so I don't think eliminating Greeks is the answer."

Carnahan said even though the College's Greek system has ridden some rough waves the past few months, people should note all the positive

should note all the positive aspects Greeks bring to the College and community.

"People don't realize that Greeks do more than throw parties," he said. "They help in local charities and with many College and community fundraisers. The Sigma Pis and the Zetas are even involved in the Adopt-A-Road program." □

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Empire District Electric will pay for the damage to the automobiles and replace the arrestor, which Beeler said exploded because it was "just too old."

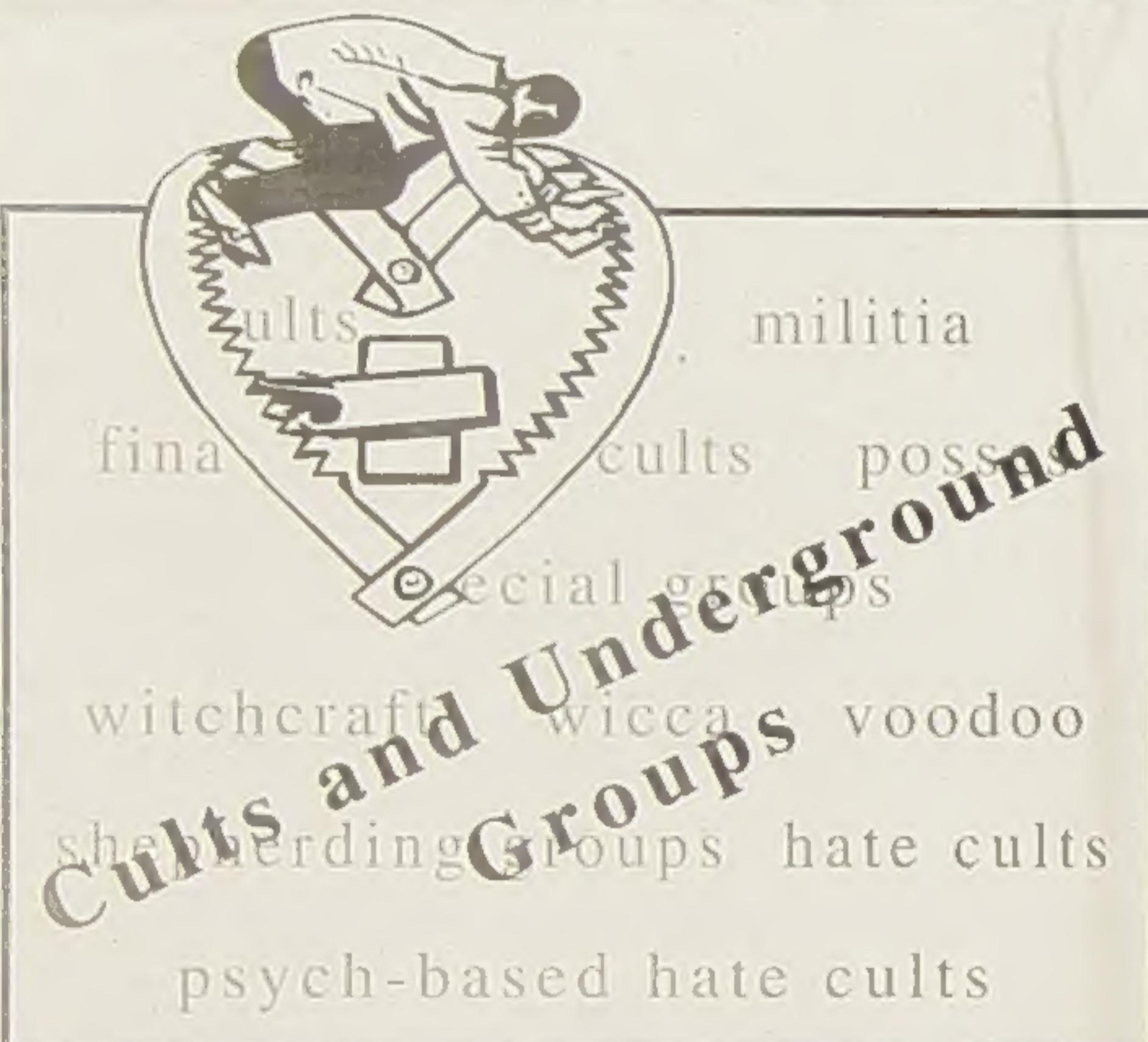
Beeler said Sunday's incident has been a problem in the past for the College.

"This is not rare," he said.
In fact, I remember the very same
wire breaking three or four years
ago."

ago." And will the problem get fixed, for good? Some folks at Empire and I are talk-

"Some looks at Empire and I are talking that over," Beeler said. "We think we can come up with a more durable method to strap these two wires together so that maybe we won't do this as frequently." □

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MAJOR EVENTS CENTER

Show-Me Center demonstrates impact

\$16.5 million project boosts region's growing economy

By RICK ROGERS
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Southeast Missouri State University's Show-Me Center demonstrates the impact such a facility could have on Missouri Southern and the community.

If an opinion survey of Jasper County voters yields favorable results, Southern may put its \$20 million major events center on the spring ballot. Jasper County voters rejected a similar proposal in 1992.

A three-fold method has funded SEMO's \$16.5 million Show-Me Center since the building's construction in 1987.

Through a 3 percent hotel, motel, and restaurant tax and a 1 percent residential tax, Cape Girardeau allotted \$5 million for the facility, paid for in 20-year bonds. The remaining \$11.5 million was derived from the university itself, including \$3 million in student fees.

Cape Girardeau Mayor Albert Spradling said convincing the 35,000 Cape Girardeau residents of the need for the center was "no easy task."

But now, after more than eight years of success, Spradling said residents of Cape Girardeau and

EVENTS CENTER OUTLOOK

southeast Missouri have something they can be proud of.

"It has become sort of a showpiece for the city of Cape Girardeau as a building that brings a lot of people into Cape," Spradling said.

"With all the different types of acts it offers, it not only brings a lot of people into Cape Girardeau, but the tourist trade, especially our hotels and restaurants, has tremendously benefited."

David Ross, director of the Show-Me Center, agreed that the facility, which includes a recreation center for SEMO students, gives Cape Girardeau something that sets it apart from other cities in the region.

"The benefits that are obvious is the civic pride in the city and the university," Ross said. "The economic benefit is substantial. We are approaching our three-millionth customer."

Dr. John Tiede, senior vice president at Missouri Southern, said he thought the community would see a need for a major events center because of the "big-name" acts it would attract.

The Show-Me Center, likewise, has featured comedian Bob Hope, who dedicated the building, singer Tina Turner, Disney on Ice, rodeos, circuses, and

Show-Me Center

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- Electronic scoreboard
- Five sets of restrooms
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- Unlimited floor load
- Extensive catwalks



PHOTO COURTESY OF SHOW-ME CENTER RELATIONS

The Show-Me Center in Cape Girardeau has become a city trademark.

tractor pulls in addition to SEMO's athletic events.

Kim Grove, a group tour planner for conventions at the Show-Me Center, said the greatest asset is the wide range of events that can be held within a short period of time.

"It has been a great asset to the community; the thing I admire about it is its versatility," she said.

"Besides just Southeast's basketball games and concerts, they bring a variety of things to the community through conventions."

Spradling, the mayor, stressed

the positive effects the Show-Me Center has had on SEMO athletic programs.

"The Indians have led the Ohio Valley Conference in basketball attendance since they joined in 1992, averaging more than 5,000 fans a game," he said.

With many Jasper County voters unconvinced as to how Southern's proposed major events center would benefit them, Spradling offered his scenario.

"I think it would only enhance Joplin," he said. "It gives you something to point to in the community as a distinguishing

building. It would give them an added significance in the area. The wholesome entertainment that the community can derive from a facility like this I don't even think you could measure in dollars."

Spradling said businesses in the Joplin area would also benefit from an events center in town.

"We are the major retail area for southeast Missouri, and our retail trade has jumped in recent years," he said. "Since we have had the Show-Me Center here we have had an incline in retail activity."

STUDENT SENATE

College officials respond

By GENIE UNDERNEHR
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

At a special session after the Student Senate meeting Wednesday night, College officials listened and responded to questions and suggestions from members of the Senate.

Some of the major topics included paving two parking lots, a skywalk over Duquesne Road, and the possibilities of building a major events center.

College President Julio Leon said the skywalk is in the same package as the major events center.

"In 1992, when we submitted the arena proposal, it included an overpass," he said. "The corner where the band practices would be a parking lot. We would have an overpass and additional parking for our own needs."

But Leon said the skywalk will not solve the safety problem because it will move more than likely be close to the Newman and Duquesne intersection.

"Where can you get students to cross the street?" he asked. "You never use the crosswalks."

"In the gravel lot by Webster, we put a fence up to force people to walk to the corner where the crosswalk is," Leon said, "but you don't do that. You walk along the fence line and cross between the two crosswalks."

The Senate has one more business meeting scheduled this semester, on Wednesday, Nov. 29.

BUSINESS OFFICE

LaFever to control College's purse strings as treasurer

By STEPHANIE GOAD
STAFF WRITER

Chosen for his scope of knowledge and years of experience, Steve LaFever assumes his new position as treasurer in the business office at Missouri Southern.

LaFever was selected from approximately 40 applicants to replace Sid Shouse, Southern's long-time controller and assistant vice president for business affairs.

"We were looking for someone who had experience in higher education, preferably with a master's degree and a CPA (Certified Public

LOUDER THAN WORDS



Cody Gibson, from the Victory Christian Center in Carthage, preaches to students Tuesday outside Billingsly Student Center.

Accountant) certification," said Dr. John Tiede, senior vice president. "Steve had the most years of experience in higher education as well as a master's degree and a CPA certificate."

Tiede said LaFever was chosen on the basis of three criteria: experience, master's degree, and interview.

LaFever received a bachelor's degree in finance from Tennessee Tech University and a master's in science in accounting from the University of Central Florida. He also became CPA certified and held a public accountant position for four years.

"I did a lot of auditing for governmental entities such as city and county governments," LaFever said.

He was an auditor for a large insurance company for a year and business officer and controller of Tomlinson College in Cleveland for three years.

"Then, at the University of Central Florida, I was the associated director of internal audit for about seven years," LaFever said. "For the last year and a half I was associate director of business in financial services at the UCF Foundation."

LaFever also taught accounting in

the college of business at UCF, which was recognized for "coming in first in the nation on the CPA exam."

He said he participated in a vast array of employment opportunities, piling on more experience with each one he embarked on, "but I wanted to be in a smaller institution where I could know more students, faculty, and administration," he said.

"We wanted to relocate to a smaller town," LaFever said.

He and his wife, Patsy, have a 4-year-old daughter, Rachel, and are expecting another child in June.

He said taking over Shouse's posi-

tion has been overwhelming and he hopes to be able to match up to the wealth of knowledge Shouse possessed.

"I have met him," LaFever said. "He's a nice man, and I only hope I can fill his shoes because I have tremendous shoes to fill."

Tiede said LaFever has excellent technical skills "as evidenced by his credentials."

"I like the breadth of his experience. He's been in a larger institution and a smaller institution and has a real good mix when it comes to experience," said Tiede.

"He was real friendly and seemed like he would be a people person."

SOUTHERN NEWS BRIEFS

Political science major receives D.C. Internship

Janelle Burns, senior political science major, has been awarded a Capital internship for the spring semester.

She was accepted for the White House internship through a competitive application process, according to faculty supervisor Annelia St. Clair, associate professor of political science.

The Capital internship, awarded to one Southern student each year, gives the student the opportunity to live and work in the state or national capital for a full semester. It also provides a \$1,000 stipend.

Past interns have included students who worked for a senator or representative in Jefferson City, a U.S. senator, the National Women's Political Caucus, and Department of Mental Health in Jefferson City.

Burns will report to the Old Executive Office Building in Washington, D.C., Jan. 10. While in Washington, she will be required to make weekly reports to her supervising faculty member.

She will have the opportunity to work in various departments of the White House.

MSTV to begin airing Classic Arts Showcase

Missouri Southern Television (MSTV) will begin presenting programming from the Classic Arts Showcase beginning Sunday, Nov. 26.

Viewers will be able to enjoy short video clips of the arts, including animation, architectural art, ballet, chamber and choral music, dance, folk art, museum art, musical theatre, opera, orchestral, recital, solo instrumental, solo vocal, theatrical performances, classic film, and archival documentaries.

Local viewers will be able to see a half-hour program featuring highlights of the satellite network at 7:30 p.m. Sundays.

Longer segments of Classic Arts Showcase will be featured weekdays from 2 a.m. to 5 a.m. and on Saturdays and Sundays from 2 a.m. to 8 a.m.

The not-for-profit satellite programming service originates in California and features no advertising.

MSTV programming can be seen on local cable systems and KGCS-LP (UHF channel 57).

College organizations seek nonperishables

The Social Science Club, Young Democrats, and the staff of the registrar's office are collecting nonperishable food items, clothing, and toys for a family in need.

Ms. Johnson is 70 years old and has raised 13 children. She is now caring for two young grandchildren.

Through combined efforts, Ms. Johnson's financial burdens can be eased through the holiday season.

Nonperishable items will be collected in the registrar's office and the social science lounge (Webster Hall 223). All donated items will be presented to Ms. Johnson on Tuesday, Nov. 21.

*Indica is 8 years old and in the third grade. She wears size 14 jeans and shirts.

Indica enjoys stuffed animals, books about animals, and games. Her favorite colors are pink, purple, and blue.

*Joey is 6 years old and is stricken with cerebral palsy. Joey's speech is impaired and his learning ability is limited.

Joey wears size 7 jeans and shirts. He enjoys sports T-shirts (especially Kansas City Chiefs).

Simple building blocks to stimulate Joey's development are recommended. He loves See-N-Says.

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EDITOR'S COLUMN

SA job has funny side

Staff assistant finds unusual quirks in first semester

Before becoming a staff assistant in the residence halls, I thought all the job entailed was writing up the bad guys and handing out toilet paper to the needy.

But in my first semester in Blaine Hall, I found that even though the job has quite a serious side, there have been some interesting situations. Enough to make a list of funny and unusual quirks about being a staff assistant and the staff assistants themselves.

*At first glance, I thought Ed Butkiewich had taken a stroll through my hall without wiping his feet. After some investigation, I found that was not the case. A certain freshman—I will leave it at that—decided to make the second floor odd-wing a dessert tray by spreading Jell-O across the carpeting. Sadly enough, I was hungry at the time, but I'm not too fond of cherry Jell-O. Next time, get some orange flavor, guys. Just joking. Try it, and you're dead.

*The inhabitants of Room 207 found other living arrangements, so someone found another use for the empty room—a smoking lounge.

No one knew how long, or when, he was using 207 as a personal smoking area, but all who reside in Blaine Hall found out soon enough. On his final puff-fest, the culprit lost control of his Marlboro. In a nervous rush, he pulled the fire alarm at 3 a.m. and was later caught.

*SAs losing their crown in the intramural flag football ranks because they would not reach an agreement with my agent concerning my contract, causing their stellar offensive lineman to hold out the championship game.

*Winning first place in the Homecoming float competition was sweet music to the SAs' ears after the Residence Hall Association's president stepped down because he thought the SAs were not

Rick Rogers
Associate Editor



putting forth a quality effort. After RHA was announced the winner during the Homecoming game, I hope he sliced himself a piece of humble pie.

*Just days after he was announced to become an SA, Tim Kerr found an interesting barricade on his door. A group of students on his wing put up a duct tape wall across his room's entrance, and it took Kerr 15 minutes just to get in his room. Don't you hate how they treat us rookies?

*In my first weeks as an SA I had my first encounter with the disgusting side of the job. Some unnamed person decided to throw up all over the steps of Blaine Hall without a witness to be found. And guess who had to clean it up?

To the person who tossed his cookies, and you know who you are, thanks for the memories.

*Someone set off some sort of bomb in my wing's bathroom, and it didn't happen in one of the stalls. Luckily, no one was hurt, but for some of us, little explosions happen in the stalls daily.

*A few weeks ago I had to skip classes. It wasn't because I overslept or was lazy; it was because of a lack of water. I was taking a nice, hot shower when all of a sudden the water pressure disappeared. This was a definite problem considering I had just lathered up my hair. Without any water for more than an hour, I realized what I had to do. I hiked over to Fastrip and bought two gallons of water, solving the problem. □

IN PERSPECTIVE

Avoid economic collapse

'Sustainable' society key to rebuilding earth's resources

Dr. John Knapp
Associate Professor of Geophysics



in public policy are likely to be voted out of office.

Generating the public desire to face and make hard choices should take advantage of current Western interests in environmental quality, clean-ups, and recycling. By building upon these interests, Western society can be eased into a form of regulated capitalism that will steer market forces in a direction that assures resources will continue to be available to future generations. The Western public will accept new economic regulations if they are shown how these restrictions can lead to a higher-quality environment without additional taxes. For example, although the current trend within the American legislature is to remove regulations, the American public continues to support regulations that promote clean water and air.

It will take decades to transform the world into a sustainable economy. Western consumers will accept new energy and consumption taxes and increased costs of raw materials only if they are offset by eliminations of existing income-based taxes. Nonetheless, it will be a hard sell—one that must avoid doom-and-gloom scenarios that are likely to attract strong political resistance. But the price of inaction is even more unpleasant; only when we admit the fallacy of the "unlimited growth" philosophy that underpins our current economic systems will we truly have hope for building a brighter future. □

OUR EDITORIALS

Unsigned editorials on this page express the opinions of a majority of The Chart editors. Observations elsewhere on the page represent independent viewpoints of columnists, cartoonists, and readers.

Do it right, or don't do it at all

When something just ain't right, it just ain't right. Missouri Southern's external activities have depreciated its internal operation. A prime example of this is our embarrassing Greek system.

It is true the Greek organizations should be able to take care of themselves. But when it becomes increasingly obvious the system is failing (and it is failing), the College should consider taking serious steps to address the issue.

College officials say they have offered assistance to the fraternities and sororities but the groups have declined their aid. Yet the organizations claim the College hasn't offered alternatives or assistance, and if it did, they would most likely accept.

One administrator said the College and the organizations have had a lack of communication. Isn't that a surprise?

Anyway, fixing our feeble Greek system won't be easy, for sure. But we will not get anything done by pointing fingers.

The College needs to examine the usefulness of the organizations and then decide whether to aid them or let them die a slow but eventual death.

If it concludes the Greek atmosphere is a necessary aspect of college life, then College officials should help recruit interested students by providing Greek housing, funds, and/or special privileges. Several students on campus would be interested in joining a fraternity or sorority if it were organized, hence the term organization. Right now, most of the groups are in disarray.

Although many other colleges don't have to take such extreme steps to keep their Greek organizations healthy, it's time Missouri Southern started looking at what is best for itself. The Greek system here needs an overhaul if it is to become more than something other students hold up to ridicule.

If you are going to do something, do it right...or it ain't worth doing. □

YOUR LETTERS

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'Thank you' to Sigma Pi fraternity

Recently I endured a family tragedy. During this time there were many who performed simple acts of kindness. So many, in fact, that it seems I will never completely thank everyone who helped.

But I feel one group must not only be thanked but perhaps praised as well. In "Literary Ethics," Ralph Waldo Emerson wrote, "Nothing is more simple than

greatness; indeed to be simple is to be great."

While I hesitate to classify the Sigma Pi fraternity as simple, I believe their actions during the last few weeks—though simple—are surely a sign of young men intent on greatness.

Their genuine concern, their willingness to help in the moving and cleaning process in such a difficult time are indica-

tive of the youth who will graduate from your institution and set their mark upon our country, in simple but great ways.

My thanks to these young men, and to the institution that has allowed them to grow.

Anna Ruth Crampton

Learning Center appreciates special section

My staff and I read the Oct. 26 Chart insert "Understanding Disabilities" with great interest. We commend you for the outstanding quality of this insert. You have met three major goals with this issue that the Learning Center continually strives to accomplish.

First, you have disseminated information about resources available for students with disabilities at Missouri Southern.

Second, you have raised awareness across the whole campus about a portion of our community that often goes unrecognized. You and your staff managed to portray students with disabilities in a very positive light—a spotlight that did not show "students in need," but rather students who are successful.

Finally, you have done a world of good for raising the positive self-image of students with disabilities. So often, the accomplishments of these students are

overlooked. The insert promotes a positive, "can-do" attitude within the community.

Thank you for taking a well thought-out, thorough look at the issues surrounding college students and disabilities.

Dr. Eileen Godsey
Director, Learning Center

Melissa Anne Zenon
Counselor, Learning Center

Atheist editor 'slept' through vital lessons

It was with great dismay that I read Dan Wiszkon's Nov. 9 column on keeping God out of anti-abortionist arguments. I find it highly interesting that Mr. Wiszkon, while being an editor of the newspaper, cannot make simple arguments without resorting to name-calling and mud-slinging. There are some arguments that require something called maturity to discuss, and the editors of a college newspaper are supposed to set a standard. Evidently Dan was asleep that day when journalism ethics were discussed in news writing.

What makes me angrier than anything are closed-minded people who won't even touch new ideas and hurt the feelings and attack the beliefs of anybody else who doesn't agree with them. If we were to go by Dan's way of thinking, everybody who loved Jesus would be a freak and the rest of us live our lives by the two purest of all things, logic and politics.

Let's see, Mr. Wiszkon's logic evidently

failed him when he said that the Confederate flag was a symbol of freedom for everybody in the South (being white, Dan overlooked the black "minority" enslaved predominately in the South). Hmm...a symbol of freedom for the enslavers of men...makes sense to me. Logic would also dictate that in order to gain any support when addressing the opposing side of an issue, you can't go around calling their beliefs phony. Otherwise you tend to piss them off (Communications 100—Dan was asleep that day, too). The second "purest" thing is politics. Is it just me, or is politics being called pure an oxymoron (Political Science—Dan, just how many classes did you sleep through?) OK, if politics are pure, then I can call Dan an unsaved, unmoralistic, racist, damned to hell for all eternity because he's too stupid to see that the universe is too damn orderly to be an accident Godless heathen, and it's OK.

I'd like to think Dan didn't realize fu-

lled him when he said that the Confederate flag was a symbol of freedom for everybody in the South (being white, Dan overlooked the black "minority" enslaved predominately in the South). Hmm...a symbol of freedom for the enslavers of men...makes sense to me. Logic would also dictate that in order to gain any support when addressing the opposing side of an issue, you can't go around calling their beliefs phony. Otherwise you tend to piss them off (Communications 100—Dan was asleep that day, too). The second "purest" thing is politics. Is it just me, or is politics being called pure an oxymoron (Political Science—Dan, just how many classes did you sleep through?) OK, if politics are pure, then I can call Dan an unsaved, unmoralistic, racist, damned to hell for all eternity because he's too stupid to see that the universe is too damn orderly to be an accident Godless heathen, and it's OK.

Jerry Jones
Sophomore theatre major



SA job has funny side

Staff assistant finds unusual quirks in first semester

Before becoming a staff assistant in the residence halls, I thought all the job entailed was writing up the bad guys and handing out toilet paper to the needy.

But in my first semester in Blaine Hall, I found that even though the job has quite a serious side, there have been some interesting situations. Enough to make a list of funny and unusual quirks about being a staff assistant and the staff assistants themselves.

*At first glance, I thought Ed Butkiewich had taken a stroll through my hall without wiping his feet. After some investigation, I found that was not the case. A certain freshman—I will leave it at that—decided to make the second floor odd-wing a dessert tray by spreading Jell-O across the carpeting. Sadly enough, I was hungry at the time, but I'm not too fond of cherry Jell-O. Next time, get some orange flavor, guys. Just joking. Try it, and you're dead.

*The inhabitants of Room 207 found other living arrangements, so someone found another use for the empty room—a smoking lounge.

No one knew how long, or when, he was using 207 as a personal smoking area, but all who reside in Blaine Hall found out soon enough. On his final puff-fest, the culprit lost control of his Marlboro. In a nervous rush, he pulled the fire alarm at 3 a.m. and was later caught.

*SAs losing their crown in the intramural flag football ranks because they would not reach an agreement with my agent concerning my contract, causing their stellar offensive lineman to hold out the championship game.

*Winning first place in the Homecoming float competition was sweet music to the SAs' ears after the Residence Hall Association's president stepped down because he thought the SAs were not

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Escalating AIDS crisis prompts course

HIV and AIDS

	New HIV cases	New AIDS cases
Jasper County 1994	10	0
Missouri 1994	185	64
Missouri Jan.-Mar. 1995	180	157

Worldwide, there are 14 million AIDS cases, more than 50 percent of which are people under the age of 25.

Source: Frank Leden, State of Missouri epidemiologist

Variety of instructors share views on AIDS

By LESLIE ROBERTS
STAFF WRITER

According to American Health, May 1995, AIDS has replaced accidents as the No. 1 killer of Americans between the ages of 25 and 44.

Because of alarming statistics such as this, Dr. James Jackson, professor of biology, is teaching an interdisciplinary course called AIDS: Principles, Practices and Politics. This 200-level course, which he hopes to offer every fall as demand dictates, educates students about AIDS etiology, immunology, epidemiology, and impact on individuals and society.

"The big contributing factor for me to teach the course was first of all the stereotyping of AIDS patients,"

Jackson said. "There's a real lack of understanding of who they are. You know, are they always one kind of people?"

"The stereotyping comes out that they are either gay or drug users, that they are poor, and that if you touch them you'll catch the disease. These are really incorrect stereotypes."

The idea for the class came from a meeting of the AIDS Task Force committee, of which Jackson is a member.

"Starting about last August, we sat around and discussed this area of need and the possibility of having a course that addresses AIDS specifically," Jackson said.

"We are all pretty much aware of the fact that AIDS is going to be one of the most important defining factors in making health policy in the U.S. and around the world in the next 20 years, and people need to know about it."

The AIDS task force committee decided that since AIDS impact is multidisciplinary, the class at Missouri

Southern should also reflect more than one point of view.

"We thought, 'What a wonderful opportunity to take a very important topic and look at it from a whole variety of different areas,'" Jackson said.

So, with help from Julia Foster, campus nurse, Jackson evaluated syllabi of similar courses from a variety of institutions.

"We found a model syllabi from the University of South Carolina that seemed to be the most appropriate for use here," Jackson said. "We then brainstormed to come up with people who would be appropriate for the various topics, and we talked to these people and persuaded them to be part of the process."

Speakers include Jackson and Foster, along with other professionals and also HIV+ individuals and AIDS patients. The class will hear from a panel made up of two health care workers, Donna Stokes and Doris Elgin, Monday.

HIGHER EDUCATION BRIEFS

Southwest to create environmental group

Southwest Missouri State University will join more than 100 other colleges and universities in urging the creation of the National Institute for the Environment (NIE).

Support for the NIE is growing on campuses throughout the nation, enforcing the need to base environmental decisions on sound science and to integrate federal research and education.

The NIE is a proposed environmental science institute that will provide the information the nation needs to anticipate, respond to, and prevent complex environmental problems. NIE legislation is expected to be reintroduced in Congress.

The NIE will not operate laboratories, but will competitively award grants for peer-reviewed research at universities, government laboratories, nonprofit organizations, and private companies.

Other Missouri institutions that support the NIE include the University of Missouri-Columbia and the University of Missouri-St. Louis.

Southeast continues search for president

The 24-member presidential search committee at Southeast Missouri State University convened for the second time last week when members reviewed a pre-search report compiled by consultants following their visit to campus.

The report contained about 10 priorities that a new SEMO president will need to address. The priorities were compiled after consultants gathered input two weeks ago from a number of individuals both on and off campus.

According to the priorities, SEMO should: have an enrollment of 10,000 with more graduate students, continue to improve its academic quality while maintaining reasonable costs for students, provide retraining programs for non-traditional students, emphasize customer service to students by university employees, improve regional linkages and delivery of outreach services, put great emphasis on fund-raising, and improve career planning and placement services for students.

A pool of 12 to 18 candidates will first be developed. Following reference and background checks on them, the pool will be narrowed to six to eight candidates who will meet with the search committee.

Northwest changes department names

Several academic department name changes within the college of arts and sciences have been approved by the Northwest Missouri State University Board of Regents.

In short, the previously named departments of history/humanities, foreign language, and speech and theatre now become, respectively, the department of history, humanities, and philosophy; the department of modern language; and the department of communication and theatre arts.

In requesting the foreign language change to modern language, chairperson Sylvie L.F. Richards said the new name "aligns us much better professionally with other like departments who are also members of the Modern Language Association of America."

History/humanities chairman Thomas Carnal recommended the new name because the philosophy program has experienced steady growth in majors and is the only degree-granting program at a state-supported institution in Northwest's region.

Kathie Leeper, chair of the former department of speech and theatre, said the new name "better reflects the mission which the former speech department has developed in public relations, organizational communication, and listening along with the more traditional public speaking."

PSYCHOLOGY DEPARTMENT

By AILEEN GRONEWOLD
EDUCATION EDITOR

Research materials cannot always be found in the library. For Linda Schnake, senior psychology major, the quest for information for her senior thesis recently took her all the way to Denmark.

"My topic is a cross-cultural study of American and Danish students to evaluate the motivational factors in career choices," Schnake said. "I wanted to do something different—not another sex survey."

"It is rare for our students to go abroad for their research," said Dr. Robert McDermid, assistant professor of psychology.

"I think it was a good experience for her, and it is very much in keeping with our international mission."

Schnake's interest in the Danish culture stems from a friendship she developed 13 years ago with a Danish foreign exchange student who lived with her.

"I got attached to her, and we kept in touch," she said. "She came over here once for her 10-year high school reunion, and I've been over there twice."

The cultural differences that Schnake noticed piqued her interest and gave her the idea for her research topic.

"They are more family oriented," she said. "Because of their government, which is more socialistic than ours, they are freer to do what they want to do for a career. They don't have to compete as much for jobs."

The Danes pay about 50 percent of their income in taxes, Schnake said, but they also receive benefits

such as medical care and child care.

Though she hasn't analyzed the data yet, she has some predictions about the differences she will find.

"My hypothesis is that the Danes will not be as externally motivated," she said. "They will not be as motivated by power and recognition as Americans are."

To determine the cultural differences, Schnake administered the California Life Goals Evaluation test to freshmen from both countries. The test is designed to measure 10 different values.

Schnake applied for a student research grant through Missouri Southern, but when it became apparent that she did not have time to wait for approval, she decided to go immediately at her own expense.

"I started checking air fare prices and found one that was \$710, as opposed to \$1,300," she said. "I decided to take it."

Schnake will reapply for the research grant and may still qualify for the \$700 maximum, though funds are usually not granted after the fact.

The five-day trip allowed just enough time for Schnake to collect her data. She arrived on the campus of the University of Copenhagen without a clue whom to contact.

"I went to a class and couldn't understand anything they were saying because they were speaking Danish," she said. "But I spoke to the instructor during the break, and he agreed to tell the students what I was doing. The ones that were interested were invited to meet with me

POLITICAL SCIENCE

Course to scrutinize U. S. Bill of Rights

Students to dissect, discuss, debate Constitutional law

By TONYA PRINCE
STAFF WRITER

In the physical sciences, the microscope is an invaluable tool for understanding the minute complexities of a given subject. In political science, the seminar class has the same function.

The Bill of Rights will go under the microscope this spring in a seminar class taught by Dr. Michael Yates, associate professor of political science. Research, discussion, and papers will all focus specifically on the Bill of Rights.

The writing intensive class is designed primarily for upper-level political science majors and fulfills the requirement for either a State Capitol internship or a seminar class in political science.

Anyone who has nine upper-level political science hours and English Composition I and II can take it. The prerequisite may be waived with approval of the instructor and the department head.

Usually the topic of the seminar class depends upon the instructor teaching the class that semester.

"The reason I offered this one is that a lot of my students in Constitutional Law expressed an interest in being able to do more advanced research and course work in that field," Yates said.

"The Bill of Rights presents a lot

I hope for a good mixture of liberals and conservatives because it makes for a lot more interesting discussion and debate.

Dr. Michael Yates
Associate professor of political science

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CAMPUS EVENTS CALENDAR

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Thursday 16

Spring enrollment for students with 30 or more credits

Southern Students show their work at the annual Southern Showcase, Spiva Art Gallery

11 a.m. to 1 p.m.—Koinonia Campus Ministries, basement of Residence Hall B

12:15 p.m.—Psychology Club meeting Room 123

12:15 p.m.—Sigma Tau Delta meeting, Seminar Room

12:15 p.m. to 1 p.m.—Spanish Conversation Club meeting, for information call 624-7996

5:30 p.m.—BSU "TNT" Thanksgiving Banquet "Semi-Formal"

7:30 p.m.—Senior Recital: Valerie Couch, vocalist; Webster Hall auditorium

Friday 17

Southern Students show their work at the annual Southern Showcase, Spiva Art Gallery

Women's Basketball hosts Lady Lion Classic

8 p.m. to 1 a.m.—Country Western Dance, sponsored by CAB, BSC Connor Ballroom

Saturday 18

Women's Basketball hosts Lady Lion Classic

7:30 p.m.—Lions Basketball vs. PSU

Sunday 19

9:30 a.m.—Bible Study, behind the residence halls

Monday 20

Junior College Transfer Day, students from area junior colleges will tour the campus

Southern Showcase, Spiva Art Gallery

7 p.m.—BSU Bible Studies, behind the residence halls

Tuesday 21

Southern Showcase, Spiva Art Gallery

11 a.m.—Public Lecture by Bob Losure, CNN Headline News Prime-time anchor, free, Webster Hall auditorium

Noon—Newman Club, Catholic organization meeting, BSC Room 306

12:15 p.m.—Young Democrats meeting, BSC 31

12:20 p.m.—Arab League meeting, Webster Hall 22

3 p.m.—National Broadcasting Society-AERho meeting, Webster Hall, on first floor Studio B

Wednesday 22

No classes, Thanksgiving

If you have an event you would like listed on the Campus Events Calendar, please call Fekadu at The Chart 625-9311.

CAB LECTURE**Author to discuss cults, militias, voodoo**

By FEKADU KIROS
CAMPUS EDITOR

With all the talk about the militia movement and other underground groups, Missouri Southern is bringing part of the action home.

A lecture by Larry Kahaner, author of *Cults that Kill*, will be presented at 7 p.m. Monday, Nov. 30 in Mathews Hall auditorium.

The lecture is sponsored by the Campus Activities Board.

Kahaner is an author of six non-fiction books and a licensed private

investigator. He was a journalist for 17 years, serving as a correspondent for *The Washington Post* and *Popular Science* and a full-time reporter for Knight-Ridder.

He has appeared on national TV and radio shows, including "Larry King Live," National Public Radio's "All Things Considered," and the "CBS Evening News."

The 90-minute slide-illustrated presentation by Kahaner will discuss various kinds of destructive and non-destructive groups such as satanic cults, financial-based cults, militia, witchcraft, hate cults and

voodoo. The lecture explores the psychology behind these groups and the reason they are attractive, especially to those in transition, such as college students.

Kahaner will also discuss the criminal activities of some groups such as fraud, drug-trafficking, bombing, and ritual abuse of children.

CAB is presenting the lecture due to the rise in interest in militia groups and cults, said Kendall Kruse, CAB lecture chair.

"It's a timely topic. A lot of different groups will be interested in it,

like the psychology, sociology, criminal justice, and education majors," Kruse said.

Although Kahaner was not CAB's primary choice, Kruse said he was chosen for economical reasons. The lecture will cost CAB \$2,400.

"A lot of the neat lectures are beyond our economic ability," Kruse said. "Larry is one that we could afford and still have a very interesting lecture."

Kruse said he believes there is strong interest in the topic among students.

"It is not just a 'some other place'

thing. It happens here, too," he said. "There are organized groups here in the four-state area."

Although this is the last lecture CAB has scheduled for this semester, it is already planning one for the spring.

The speaker has not yet been selected, but the lecture is expected to concern diversity, multiculturalism, and cultural issues.

"I am hoping for a good turnout," Kruse said. "If not, it should not be because of lack of advertising. It should be a very entertaining and informative speech." □

JASPER COUNTY SHELTERED FACILITIES**Social work helps students grow**

By CHE' BUTTERFIELD
CHART REPORTER

By helping others who are less fortunate, some Missouri Southern students have found opportunities at Jasper County Sheltered Facilities.

Working at Jasper County Sheltered Facilities has helped Kim Van Deman to make a career choice.

"My major started out as elementary education," she said. "I decided to change to psychology because it would be more useful for me in the future. I found out I loved it and hope to make a career out of it."

Jasper County Sheltered Facilities is a service provider for persons with disabilities. It helps people to gain independence by teaching them the skills necessary for daily life such as washing clothes and cooking meals.

"It makes me feel like I'm doing something productive," Van Deman said. "Helping people become independent helps people to feel better about themselves."

Jasper County Sheltered Facilities offers several services that help people gain independence, including a community day-habilitation program where functional life skills and community integration are taught.

"Our positions are called advocates," said Jhan Hurn, executive director of Jasper County Sheltered Facilities. "The reason we call the staff that is because we want them to advocate for that person and help them to become part of the community."

He said approximately 30 percent of the staff at Jasper County Sheltered Facilities comes from Southern.

"There are three people already who have been promised a promotion on graduation," Hurn said.

Van Deman got her job as an advocate through a family member who worked at



Kim Van Deman, psychology major, plays with Buddy Hartley at the Jasper County Sheltered Facilities. More than 30 percent of the staff at the facility is comprised of Southern

Jasper County Sheltered Facilities.

Nathan Bemo, junior business major, has worked for Jasper County Sheltered Facilities for three years.

"It pays the bills, but I also like the people I work with," he said. "It's nice helping them out."

Another local service provider for the developmentally disabled is Pathways, which specializes in ISLs, or individualized supportive living services.

Bethia Scott, sophomore theatre, speech and English education major, works at Pathways after classes. She said she was

originally going to work with developmentally disabled people for a living but decided to change majors because the job took such an emotional toll.

"I knew there was a high burnout rate, so I was able to decide what career I wanted," Scott said. "You learn a lot about yourself doing this kind of work."

Pathways is a place where sociology and psychology majors can get hands-on training in their field. Many go on to get their degrees and continue working at Pathways.

Nearly 20 percent of Pathway's staff attends Southern. □

CAMPUS ACTIVITIES BOARD**Campus heads toward country hoedown****Positive feedback, great crowd bring back western dance**

By RONNA SPARKS
STAFF WRITER

From bumper stickers saying "There's only two kinds of music, country and western" to cable channels airing line dancing 24 hours a day, country music's popularity has taken off.

The Campus Activities Board has answered the demand for country music in a widespread medium: a country western dance.

The country western dance,

which will be held Friday night in the Connor Ballroom in BSC, is in response to positive feedback from a similar dance last semester.

"At the last dance, we had people who kept coming up to me asking when we were going to have another one," said Spencer Beck, CAB dance chairperson.

"Originally, I wasn't planning on doing another country western dance this semester, but since I had such a good response to the last one, I decided to do another one."

Friday's dance will be mirrored after last semester's, which Beck said was one of the largest dances sponsored by CAB.

Beck believes the music's popu-

larity stems from its commonality and its ease to master, which is why the country western dance has a large attendance.

"I think that a lot of people don't want to go to a dance because they don't necessarily know how to dance," he said. "With the country western dance, the dances are set moves so you don't look stupid. They're step moves, and most people can do it."

For students who haven't been exposed to country dancing and don't know how to dance, an instructor will give lessons from 8-9 p.m.

"[The students] seemed to have a ball," said Diane Vann, the instructor.

"I think the biggest attraction is

that it's new and something different. I think the biggest surprise is they find out it's really fun and it's not hard to learn."

Vann, a mathematics and science secretary and instructor in the faculty and staff wellness program, said she teaches a wide variety of dances including the cowboy boogie and the lindy hop.

The dances aren't the only type of variety in the dance. Beck said country western is only a theme and the music isn't limited to country.

"I'm not much of a country fan," said Michael Beaunoyer, senior art major, "but it's a good thing because it allows for different varieties and they don't just play country western music." □

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Instructors influence Couch to perform



DEBORAH SOLOMON/The Chieftain

Valerie Couch, senior music major, takes a breather on a piano preparing for her senior recital at 7:30 p.m. Thursday in Webster Hall Auditorium.

By MICHAEL DAVISON
ARTS EDITOR

Opera may seem dreary and outdated to the ordinary observer, but to Valerie Couch, it is a reflection of real life.

"If I spent time with a person and found out what they liked and didn't like," said Couch, a senior music major, "then I guarantee that I could find an opera that would fit their personality."

Since seeing her first opera, Don Giovanni, opera has influenced her and her career.

At her senior recital at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, she will perform four songs from four different operas.

"If I had the voice that would lend itself to other things I probably would expand more," she said, "but my voice has a definite style."

"That doesn't mean I don't like other types of music, but I have an appreciation and respect for other

things even though I don't have the abilities to do them."

Two instructors have influenced her the most, Mary Helen Haruton and Marguerite Carney.

"To me they are almost twins in their teaching styles—they're both old-school," Couch said.

"They have the gift of teaching above and beyond what can be explained."

"You have music with the notes, but yet you don't because there's so much above and beyond what you have to learn."

She compares it to learning a foreign language—learning how not only to read the language but to properly speak it as well.

"It's the soul that you have to put in; it's not just the singing of everything cut and dried," Couch said. "There's so much more thought and preparation that goes into it."

Before she performs, her research consists of not only finding who wrote the piece and what style it is, but also determining the style of the period, who performed it, and perhaps finding a recording of the piece.

"As an artist you have to convey what the composer wrote," Couch said.

"In that you have the responsibility to do it right."

After her graduation in May, she plans to go on to graduate school, where she will concentrate on performance.

"It's not always your talent; you have to be in the right place at the right time," she said, "and you have to be prepared."

"I guess I have been lucky because I've had the opportunity to perform and make money at the same time."

She plays piano at the Holiday Inn and violin at Travelli's and teaches privately.

A reception in Phinney Recital Hall will follow the performance. □

CULTURE SHOCK

Coffeehouse to shut down Saturday

By KEVIN COLEMAN
STAFF WRITER

Culture Shock opened at 926 S. Main a year ago, bringing live punk and alternative music to downtown Joplin.

But on Saturday, the coffeehouse will present its last show.

"It's kind of sad to be closing down," said owner Cheri Maness.

"I thought it was such a neat thing to have for people to come in and enjoy."

Maness said a lack of support resulted in the club's demise.

"People said they wanted bands," she said.

"We've got the bands coming in, but people don't come to the shows."

"We can't pay the bands when nobody comes to the shows."

"We can't pay the bills like that."

Maness said she decided to close the club after Culture Shock held its Club-Aid Festival Oct. 20-21.

"Eleven bands came to play," she said, "but there were only about 30 or 40 people who came to the show, all weekend."

After Club-Aid, Maness

decided she needed some time off.

She closed the club, and she and her daughter went to St. Louis for 10 days.

"When I came back," she said, "it just didn't feel like home anymore."

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ART DEPARTMENT

Pottery show offers gift options

Annual pottery sale has Raku demonstrations

By MICHAEL DAVISON
ARTS EDITOR

Christmas shopping might be as easy as going to the lobby area between the music and art departments.

The annual Christmas pottery show and sale will open Monday, Nov. 27 and run through Sunday, Dec. 10.

"This is the big semester for the students because people are looking for unique Christmas gifts," said Jon Fowler, professor of art. "We have a lot of people who start calling about now wanting to know when it is."

He has a mailing list from which he sends announcements of the show and sale, and the list is substantial.

Functional and non-functional pottery in stoneware, porcelain, and earthenware clays will highlight the show.

"Functional pieces are things like coffee mugs that you can use to eat off of or drink from," Fowler said. "They are dishwasher-safe and microwavable, but you can't stick it in a 400-degree oven or cook on the stove with it and expect it to last."

In addition, the pottery show will offer Raku pottery for sale and four demonstrations of the 16th century Japanese firing technique.

"This is something the students can get involved in," Fowler said. "In the traditional way, they leave the pot in the kiln and we fire it up and they come back later to get it."

"But the Raku way takes only an hour, and the student has a more direct influence over how the pot will turn out."

Gary Crim, junior secondary education major, has been doing pottery for four years, but this is his first time in this show.

"This is something that I want to do," he said. "I want to specialize in ceramics but teach it in high schools."

Helena Beasley, freshman art major, has been doing work for the show for two years.

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SOUTHERN THEATRE

Play to bring 'Secret Garden' to life

By KEVIN COLEMAN
STAFF WRITER

Ten special performances of *The Secret Garden* will be presented in Missouri Southern's Taylor Auditorium the week of Nov. 27-Dec. 1.

Area school children will be bused in for two showings a day Monday through Friday.

The play will be open to the public Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 2-3, at 2:30 p.m.

"Usually we do eight performances from Tuesday through Friday," said Gerrie-Ellen Johnston, part-time instructor and director of the show, "but there was a big demand so we had to add two shows on Monday."

The Secret Garden is the story of two children who are poor in spirit. Mary Lennox, played by Eanna Daniel, 13, is orphaned when her mother and father die in a cholera epidemic in India.



Laurie Wilson, freshman art major, creates on a pottery wheel in preparation for the pottery show and sale beginning Monday, Nov. 27. Christmas gift ideas are a target.

"I get special orders and I like to develop my own glazes," she said.

Sales of the pottery go directly to the student who created the work. Sales of Beasley's works have not only filled her pocketbook, but emptied her personal collection.

"It makes me feel good," she said, "not just because of the sale, but because people like it."

Other students involved in the show are Mark Sweet, senior English major; Tom Edwards, graduate art student; Pam Giger,

junior psychology major; Bobbie Snodgrass, junior art major; and John Murphy, senior art major.

Hours of the show and sale are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturdays, and 2-5 p.m. on Sundays.

Raku demonstrations will be from 3-5:30 p.m. on Nov. 27, Nov. 28, Dec. 4, and Dec. 6 at the foundry of the art department.

For more information, persons may call Fowler at Ext. 9735. □

The production concept of the play is to give the audience the feeling they are eavesdropping on the images in someone's crystal ball.

The play is a musical adaptation, by Pam Sterling, of a book by Frances Hodgson Burnett.

Johnston said the play has an added appeal for her because she is in the process of adopting two disabled children of her own. The children in the play were picked for their parts from her dance classes.

Other actors in the play are Kelly Raumaker as Mrs. Medlock; Colleen Lafferty as Martha Sowerby; Jason Engstrom as Dickon Sowerby; Douglas Roush as Ben Weatherstaff; Adam Doss as Doctor Craven; and Krystal Sheet as the robin.

Admission for Saturday and Sunday performances is \$1 for adults and 50 cents for children. □

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ON CAMPUS

Southern Theatre 417-625-390 Dec. 2, 3—The Secret Garden. Matthews Hall auditorium Nov. 28—Three. Spiva Art Gallery Nov.-Nov. 22—Southern Showcase. Nov. 27-Dec. 10—Ceramic and Jewelry show and sale. Dec. 4-8—Senior Exhibit: Nicole Knatcl and Michael Shelton. Taylor Auditorium Dec. 4—Community Orchestra. Dec. 7—Holiday concert. The concert band and the concert chorale combine for an evening of seasonal music. Dec. 12—Messiah. Webster Hall auditorium Nov. 16—Senior Recital: Valerie Couch, vocalist. Nov. 30—Senior Recital: Stephen Foreman, vocalist. Athena Foreman, vocalist. Dec. 9—Suzuki Student Recital. Dec. 10—Joplin Piano Teachers: student recital. Phinney Recital Hall Dec. 14—Choral Society. □

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The Bypass 624-9095 Nov. 17—Barton Blake and Sweeney. Nov. 22—Cate Brothers. Nov. 24—The Kelly Hunt Band. Nov. 25—Walking on Einstein. Champs Bar and Grill 782-4944 Nov. 17-18—Laney. Nov. 24-25—Night Train. Dec. 1-2—Rhythm Station. The Grind 781-7999 Tuesday nights—Open Mic Night. Thursday nights—Movie Night. Nov. 18—Lorne Thompson. The Java House 659-8500 Nov.-Nov. 25—Display of the photography of Michael Morgan. Nov. 17-18—Phil and Jerry Jazz Trio. Joplin Little Theatre 623-3638 Nov. 16-19—The Diary of Anne Frank. George A. Spiva Center for the Arts 623-083 Nov.-Nov. 26—Photospiva. Dec. 1-Jan. 7—Annual Membership Show. All media represented in annual exhibit by members of the Art Center. Ozark Christian College 624-2518 Ext. 209 Nov. 30-Dec. 4—Living Christmas Tree. □

CARTHAGE

Stone's Throw Dinner Theatre 417-358-9665 Nov. 30; Dec. 12; 8-10—Little Women.

SPRINGFIELD

Drury College 417-873-7255 Nov. 16-18, 30; Dec. 1-2—Traveler in the Dark. Juanita K. Hammons Hall for the Performing Arts 1-800-404-3033 Nov. 19—Cleo Lane and John Dankworth. Dec. 8—Rosemary Clooney's White Christmas Party. Dec. 9—Winter Solstice Concert. Springfield Ballet 417-862-4343 Dec. 20-23—The Nutcracker. Springfield Symphony 417-864-6683 Nov. 18—Wind and Fire with Thomas Stacey on English horn. Dec. 2—Christmas Special. Vandivort Center Theatre 417-864-9018 Nov. 17-Dec. 23—A Cry in the Wilderness.

REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

Sierra Club looking for new membership

Officials of the Sierra Club, one of the nation's oldest environmental groups, want to form a new organization for residents of Jasper and Newton counties.

The initial plan for the Joplin chapter is to be affiliated with the White River Sierra Club of Springfield.

However, the new group should form its own chapter eventually.

The issues the new club will tackle will be left up to the group itself, a club official said.

Membership in Missouri has grown from 7,000 to 7,700 since last year.

Other area groups include clubs in St. Louis, Cape Girardeau, Columbia-Jefferson City, Kansas City, and the Springfield chapter.

Members pay \$35 a year to be a member of the Sierra Club.

The Sierra Club is a nonprofit conservation and outdoors organization started in the U.S. in 1892. □

Barton County votes to increase salaries

With the three county commissioners voting against a salary hike, Barton County still managed to squeak the pay increase by.

Voting for the increase were the county's assessor, clerk, prosecutor, sheriff, and treasurer.

County Commissioners Gary Frieden, John Stockdale, and Dennis Wilson voted against the measure.

The vote took place Monday, but some of the pay increases won't take effect for more than a year.

The other departments won't see an increase in pay for more than three years.

Departments seeing a pay increase in 1997 are the assessor's, coroner's, public administrator's, sheriff's, and treasurer's.

County clerk Bonda Rawlings said the increases take effect on different dates because of election laws and valuation of the county itself.

"For each official there is a pay schedule that is figured by the valuation of the county," Rawlings said.

The cost of the salary increase will be from \$39,000 to \$43,400, according to Rawlings.

The money for the salaries will come out of the general revenue funds, the law enforcement sales tax, and the assessment fund.

In all, the increase affects eight offices, including the coroner's and public administrator's, who didn't have a vote on the issue. □

Pittsburg educators receive many honors

Educators in Pittsburg, Kan., are being flooded with accolades this year.

The recent decision to name Pittsburg public schools superintendent Dan Neuenswander 1995 Kansas Superintendent of the Year is just one of three in the past month.

The announcement came days after Christy McNally, a teacher at Pittsburg's St. Mary's Elementary School, was named Kansas Teacher of the Year.

It doesn't end there, though. Last month, Bill King, principal at Westside Elementary School, was named Kansas Principal of the Year.

Neuenswander received his honor from the Kansas Association of School Administrators.

King received his from the Kansas Association of Elementary School Principals.

McNally will visit the White House with other teachers from across the nation in April.

All three educators are now up for national awards. □

On the stump

Politicians prep for new laws and lives

Minority leader speaks on campaign issues

By J.L. GRIFFIN
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Stumping season has begun for state legislators. Rep. Gary Burton (R-Carl Junction) brought Missouri House Minority Leader Mark Richardson (R-Poplar Bluff) into town Monday afternoon to hold a press conference concerning Burton's reelection bid, new campaign laws, and Richardson's attempt to become the House speaker when longtime speaker Bob Griffin (R-Cameron) steps down.

Griffin, who has run into legal problems the last few years, has said he might resign as early as January.

"Bob Griffin wants to hold onto the last thread of power," Richardson said, calling Griffin "tight-fisted and almost dictatorial."

When, and if, Griffin steps down, Richardson would like to take over as speaker. Richardson said he has all of the House Republicans' votes and is trying to siphon votes from the Democratic Party.

"There are regional factions of Democrats," Richardson said.

There are several different groups who are talking with us now, and we'll leave the door open."

Richardson believes he has a chance to gain Democratic support since the division amongst the Democrats is so vast.

During the recent Democratic caucus, a vote to name Sam Leake (D-Laddonia) speaker was greatly divided. More than 40 Democrats voted for Leake while some 40 other votes were split on other candidates.

Richardson said the Republicans have to sway the votes of only six Democrats to get the floor leader in the speaker's seat.

The Republicans appear to be

solid in their ranks, the stumping for Burton by Richardson just one example.

Richardson came to Joplin for a dinner engagement for Burton Monday night. He said he was proud of the Republicans in southwest Missouri.

"Each in their own way has carved out his own niche," Richardson said. "I'm thrilled with the quality and caliber of reps from this area."

Burton stood next to the floor leader throughout the conference as Richardson touted Burton.

"His experience is very important; it will become more important as term limits kick in," Richardson

said. "Burton's an expert in natural resources and the area of protecting the environment."

Richardson said campaigning for candidates in 1996 will become more difficult with the imposition of Proposition A.

"The voters that initiated the referendum were well-intended to try to decrease the cost and create a level playing ground. But the reality is it probably created an uneven playing field for incumbents. That's a scenario that won't actually decrease cost," Richardson said.

Richardson said the incumbents had it rougher than challengers since fund-raising is prohibited while legislation is in session. □

IT'S CHRISTMAS TIME IN THE CITY



With less than 60 days left until Christmas, Christy Siegrist (right) of Joplin examines a doll shown to her by Christy Paxton at Geddeppo. The shop was set up at Northpark Mall for holiday shoppers.

DEBORAH SOLOMON/The Chan

NEW RESTAURANTS

Eateries clog busy Range Line

By J.L. GRIFFIN
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

A surge of restaurants along Range Line has increased the decisions motorists must make for dinner.

The openings of Boston Market, Mr. Goodcents, Rally's, and Schlotzsky's Deli within the last two weeks has spawned larger traffic congestions during dinner time and more spending in a seven-block area of the thoroughway. Rally's and Boston Market opened Monday and are still in the process of training employees.

All the managers agreed the location of their establishments was perfect for their needs. Some said the companies had scouted several locations and selected the property along Range Line because of marketing principles that say being near other restaurants is better.

"Most of the people coming into our store are happy to have us at this end of town," said Jeff Johnson, Mr. Goodcents manager.

JOPLIN R-8

Board plans for new computers

By BECKI BROWN
STAFF WRITER

Members of the Joplin R-8 School District met Tuesday to discuss business and financial items.

Most of the meeting took place earlier in the day at a 5:30 p.m. session. According to Dr. Vernon Hudson, superintendent, discussion centered around insurance and curriculum topics.

During the regular session, the board paid special attention to agenda items concerning computer purchasing and equipment requests.

The board approved the purchase of four computers for the McKinley and Jefferson elementary school computer labs. The board also discussed future plans

for additional printers in some labs, but did not act on the idea.

Newspapers and other information to be sent home with students will become a reality now that the board has approved the use of block grant funds for that purpose. The block grant in the sum of \$71,148 will purchase and upgrade existing equipment.

The board approved \$10,100 for the purchase of supplies for school copiers. The additional funds were needed because some supplies were not covered in the original contract.

Also of note, the board came to terms with Joplin Paper Co. over the district's paper contract. The board found it beneficial to accept the bid due to the company's ability to deliver the paper at a given time.

The board's next scheduled meeting is Nov. 28. □

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House minority leader

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JOPLIN CITY GOVERNMENT

Council sets date for new member

By J.L. GRIFFIN
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Joplin City Council will soon name an interim Zone 1 Council member, according to officials at city hall.

A decision on the replacement is expected at the Nov. 20 meeting where Council members will pick from applicants. The position was vacated in October by Joplin businessman Milt Wolf, who moved to the outskirts of Noel.

As of yet, Mary Davis, Joplin's city clerk, has received two applications, but has also sent out three or four. The requirements for the position are basic governmental stipulations.

The applications can be turned into the city clerk's office and will be accepted through the time of appointment.

"The Council is looking for someone who is interested in serving until the election in April," Davis said.

Davis said the Council hasn't come to an agreement whether it wanted to appoint someone who had aspirations of governmental office after the election. She said it sought someone with prior governmental experience.

"They really need someone who knows government," said Barb Hogelin, deputy city clerk.

According to Hogelin, some former committee and Council members have been contacted to see if they would be interested in filling in for the duration.

Wolf said the biggest mistake the interim Council member could make is to have a preconceived idea and make public statements without having all the facts. He said his replacement should realize who is being represented.

"All city councilpersons should represent all of Joplin, not just the zone," Wolf said. "The person has to be aware to do good for the citizens of Joplin as a whole."

Wolf said the person who becomes the new member has to work with the other Council members to keep bringing in new businesses.

"I think we've gone out of our way to entice new businesses," he said.

Wolf also said the replacement must be able to hear from everyone about the issues.

"The person needs to be prepared to take flak from friends," he said. "You're not going to make everybody happy." □

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SOUTHERN FACES

Canada native adjusts to job

Continental travels direct Smallman to Southern position

By LISA MARIE COR
CHART REPORTER

Just three weeks before classes began, Dr. Shawn Smallman, assistant professor of history, received a phone call from Dr. David Tate, social science department head at the time, telling him he had the job.

Smallman originally planned to move to Texas where his wife, Margaret, had a job there. She now teaches at Texas Tech University in Lubbock, Texas.

"I'm too busy to be bored; I'm working 18 hours a day. It's my first year teaching, and I'm snowed under," he said.

Smallman, originally from southern Ontario, Canada, attended Queen's University, where he received his B.A. in history. He recently obtained his doctorate from Yale University, where he also received his master's.

Smallman did not appreciate Yale's attitude toward teaching. "It's a place where they don't really care about teaching," he said.

"You're not rewarded for teaching, and the best teachers usually come in, burn out, and leave in a few years. To get a tenure... the only thing that mattered was were you a famous professor who published a great book."

Most classes at Yale for undergrads are taught by teaching assistants.

"You may have somebody who is incredibly famous in their department, but you'll never see them, they're like a ghost," Smallman said.

"Here [at Missouri Southern], people really do care about the teaching. Yale wasn't like that. I think a lot of people who go to Yale must be in a bit of a shock when they get there."

During the past six years while enrolled at Yale, he lived in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, for almost one year. Then he went to Bogota, Colombia, where his wife was doing field work for her dissertation.

At first, Smallman had no interest in going to Brazil.

He wanted to do work on Spanish America, but there was a language requirement for Latin America majors at Yale to speak

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Portuguese. He took the opportunity to take a language program in Brazil.

"It was great, and I just fell in love with it... a whole different lifestyle."

Besides the beaches, Smallman liked the people.

"It's an attitude toward life. It's not just that they're open, it's this kind of sense of enjoyment where they can take any opportunity to have a good time, [and] they're so friendly," he said. "I had a lot of good experiences there."

Inflation was high at the time Smallman was in Brazil. Prices could double in one day.

"When you went to mail a letter they had to get a calculator and work out how much the stamp cost," he said.

Smallman wrote his doctoral dissertation on Brazilian history.

It was titled "The Parting Waters: The Brazilian Army and Society, 1889-1954."

"I'm worried about what's happening in Latin America because the last few years have been really good there," Smallman said.

"There's been this trend towards democracy. They've gotten out of the debt crisis, but I worry about what is going to happen."

Smallman is in the process of submitting an article to a couple of different journals about corruption in the Brazilian military.

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CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER



TORI DILLARD/The Chart

Dana Forsythe, a teacher in the Child Development Center, helps Hayden Green (left) and Morgan Olds (right) solve a problem Monday. Forsythe has raised three children, the oldest now a freshman at Southern, and she joined the Center to be involved with small children.

Children help Forsythe fill void

Teaching youngsters rewards mother of three

By JILL CORBETTO
CHART REPORTER

Even though Dana Forsythe, a child development teacher at Missouri Southern, has three children of her own, she still chooses to work with small children everyday.

Forsythe worked at Smitty's grocery store for two years before joining Southern's Child Development Center in February.

"Since my three children are grown and I missed being with young children but didn't want anymore children of my own, I decided to teach them instead," she said.

The most rewarding part of her job, she says, is watching the children learn.

"I enjoy seeing the children learn and actually know their A, B, Cs, not just have them memorized," Forsythe said.

She has two daughters and one son, Jennifer, the oldest, attends Southern and is a freshman. John is a sophomore at Joplin High School, and Melissa attends Joplin Junior High School.

Forsythe has lived in Joplin for 18 years but is originally from Raytown. She has a

bachelor's degree from Baker University in Baldwin, Kan.

Forsythe believes her biggest accomplishment in life is raising her three children. She says her goals are to retire, travel, and see her three children graduate from college.

"Seeing all three of my children go through college is my goal, and I dream of retiring, buying a motor home, and traveling throughout the United States in it," she said.

Forsythe enjoys cooking and reading in her spare time. Her most unusual job was working as an appliance parts store payroll secretary.

"It was strange because we worked out of a basement and I was the only woman," she said. □

PHYSICAL SCIENCE DEPARTMENT

Landscape draws Chelf to Southern

By DAN SHACKELFORD
CHART REPORTER

National Science Foundation fellow, NASA researcher, environmental advocate, and holder of a doctorate in chemical physics, Dr. Roger D. Chelf comes to Missouri Southern with a desire to stay.

Chelf, pronounced with the emphasis on the "Ch," is new to the physical science department but not to his field of study.

Coming to Southern after a six-year stint at Lamar University in Beaumont, Texas, Chelf is interested in a more personal academic setting.

"I liked the smallness of Southern

and was particularly impressed with the geographical area of southwest Missouri," said the associate professor of physics.

Graduating from Kentucky University with a double major (mathematics and physics), a master's degree in solid state physics, and continuing toward a doctorate (mechanical engineering), he entered the research industry.

After several years as a researcher, including work on NASA grant projects, Chelf returned to the classroom to complete his doctoral studies in chemical physics at Georgia Tech University.

Although physics is his first love, he has a strong attachment to environmental issues. Raised in



TERESA SUMMERS/The Chart

Campbellsville, Ky., Chelf has always been "close to the land" and has "loved the outdoors."

"When I saw the rolling hills and the beautiful hardwood forests of this area, I was hooked," he said.

Chelf hopes to retire in the Ozarks and establish an organic farming

operation along with his wife and their 16-year-old son.

"I have always wanted to be an academician, and environmental issues are very important to me. What better place to fulfill my ambitions than in an area such as this," he said. □

COLLEGE ORIENTATION

3-year student leader becomes 'contact person' at College

By KATE WALTERS
CHART REPORTER

When visitors walk into Susan Craig's office, they feel welcome from the beginning.

She greets them with a smile and invites them to have a seat and get comfortable.

Craig, coordinator of College Orientation, puts students at ease because she really loves what she does and has a smile for everyone.

"There's nothing about my job that I don't like," she says.

Craig moved to Joplin when she was 17 to attend Missouri Southern. Her degree from Southern is an advantage which she can use to help her students. She graduated from Southern with a bachelor of science degree in English education.

Craig was a College Orientation

leader for three years, which influenced her job choice. She enjoys working with the students and knew she wanted to do something with student personnel.

"I like establishing myself as a contact person for the students so they have someone they can look up to if they need help while they are here," Craig said.

She enjoys being able to work closely with so many students. Chris Tymeson, a College Orientation leader, said, "She's the best investment Missouri Southern has made since I've been here."

Craig has many hobbies, including arts and crafts, racquetball, and mountain biking. She recently received a bike for her birthday and decided mountain biking was a hobby she could take up with her husband.

"It's a great stress reliever," Craig says. "I'm hooked. I try to

bike at least 10 miles each Saturday."

She is training to ride with her husband, Michael, in charity rides and competitions next year. Her most important goal is to ride in the MS150, a charity ride of 150 miles to raise money for multiple sclerosis. Craig finds this a worthy cause because of a relative with the disease.

Craig's philosophy of life seems to fit with her biking hobby because she says she "steals it from Nike." She believes that whatever it is people want, they should "just do it."

Not only does Craig juggle several hobbies, she also manages to fit a husband and grad school into her life. Craig, married just seven months ago, says she "loves being married, it's fantastic."

She leaves directly from work three days a week to drive to Springfield to attend Southwest

Missouri State University, where she is attempting to get her master's in guidance and counseling. She hopes to finish her studies in two and a half years. Craig is the faculty adviser for Phi Eta Sigma, the freshman honor society on campus.

"I like getting to know the incoming freshmen," she said.

Craig says when giving advice to students she tells them, "Decide what you want to do and pursue it with everything you've got."

Craig was excited to obtain the position at Southern. She gets to do what she enjoys most of all, which is "helping students adjust to college life."

Craig's biggest influence growing up was her high school debate coach.

"He always taught us to be confident, and I think that's very important," she said. □



TORI DILLARD/The Chart

Susan Craig (left), director of College Orientation, helps one of the numerous Missouri Southern students who visit her office each day in search of direction.

Past experience makes missing season painful

My fondness for the sport started when my parents' barbecues excluded the kids from playing it.

There was a sense of ferocity abound; otherwise, children would be allowed to partake in the glorious splendor of pounding the white, plastic ball over the net.

My first taste of playing the game came in sixth grade when our P.E. teacher divided the 18 students in the class into two teams. The three rows and lines of nine students on either side of the net bumping, flailing, smacking, and generally making a mockery of the sport was indeed addictive.

It wasn't until the next year, in junior high, that I learned the sport actually played only six to a side. Yet, it was a girls' sport, and the only time boys got to play it was in P.E.

I waited until my senior year in high school to be able to play the sport under the guise of an organized team.

When I first started, my coach made me set, simply because none of the 12 other team members could do the deed without lifting or having the ball slide through their fingers and smack them in the face.

Trust me, the reason I set bad nothing to do with the fact that every time I attempted to pass the ball off the serve it would fly back over my head and out bounds—way out of bounds.

Eventually I got better, but was still relegated to setter duty even though of the 12 others on the team I was the third tallest. My love for the game never waned.

It took watching the game in college to realize how important setting was to a team. My bitterness turned to triumph, for I was a leader and a power to be reckoned with.

I learned how to play in the sand. This was more fitting for my style of play since I didn't get hurt as much diving for digs, now that I could actually dig.

To prove my dedication to the game, I once paid to watch the women's Olympic team play Bulgaria. When the ball boys didn't show up for the game, three of my friends and I volunteered to fill in. Besides shuffling balls back and forth, we also were allowed to hold the flags from both nations and stand next to the teams during the playing of both national anthems.

It saddens me deeply to have to admit that upon my arrival at Missouri Southern I took the opportunity to watch the team that plays my favorite sport a total of only five times. Next year, I swear to at least double my attendance.

Southern's team had a fabulous year, highlighted by the squashing in five sets of the Central Missouri State University Jennies. I would have given a lung, kidney, and half my liver to have witnessed that game.

Basically, I just want to take this opportunity to say my hat is off to the Missouri Southern volleyball team, and here's to next year....

J.D. Duff

CHART SPORTS SCENE

Thursday, November 16, 1995

FOOTBALL

Lions notch first shutout since Bush era

By RICK ROGERS
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Behind a defensive surge, the Missouri Southern football Lions clamped a vice on Washburn University with a 25-0 victory Saturday in Topeka, Kan.

The shutout was Southern's first since 1991, when the Lions blanked Central Missouri 35-0. Southern finished the season 6-4 overall, including a 5-1 mark in the MIAA.

Senior tailback Albert Bland rushed for 85 yards against Washburn, giving him 1,018 for the season. Bland finished his three-year Southern career with 3,315 yards, third on the Lions' all-time list.

Head coach Jon Lantz said two factors keyed the Lions' whitewash of the 4-6 Ichabods.

"Part of it was our play, and then part of it quite honestly was the play of Washburn," he said. "They did not play that well. They turned the ball over four or five times, and we ourselves know when you turn the ball over you are going to lose."

Senior defensive lineman Kent

Shorten's fumble recovery in the first quarter set the tone defensively for the Lions. Lantz said Shorten has been an integral part of Southern's defense all season.

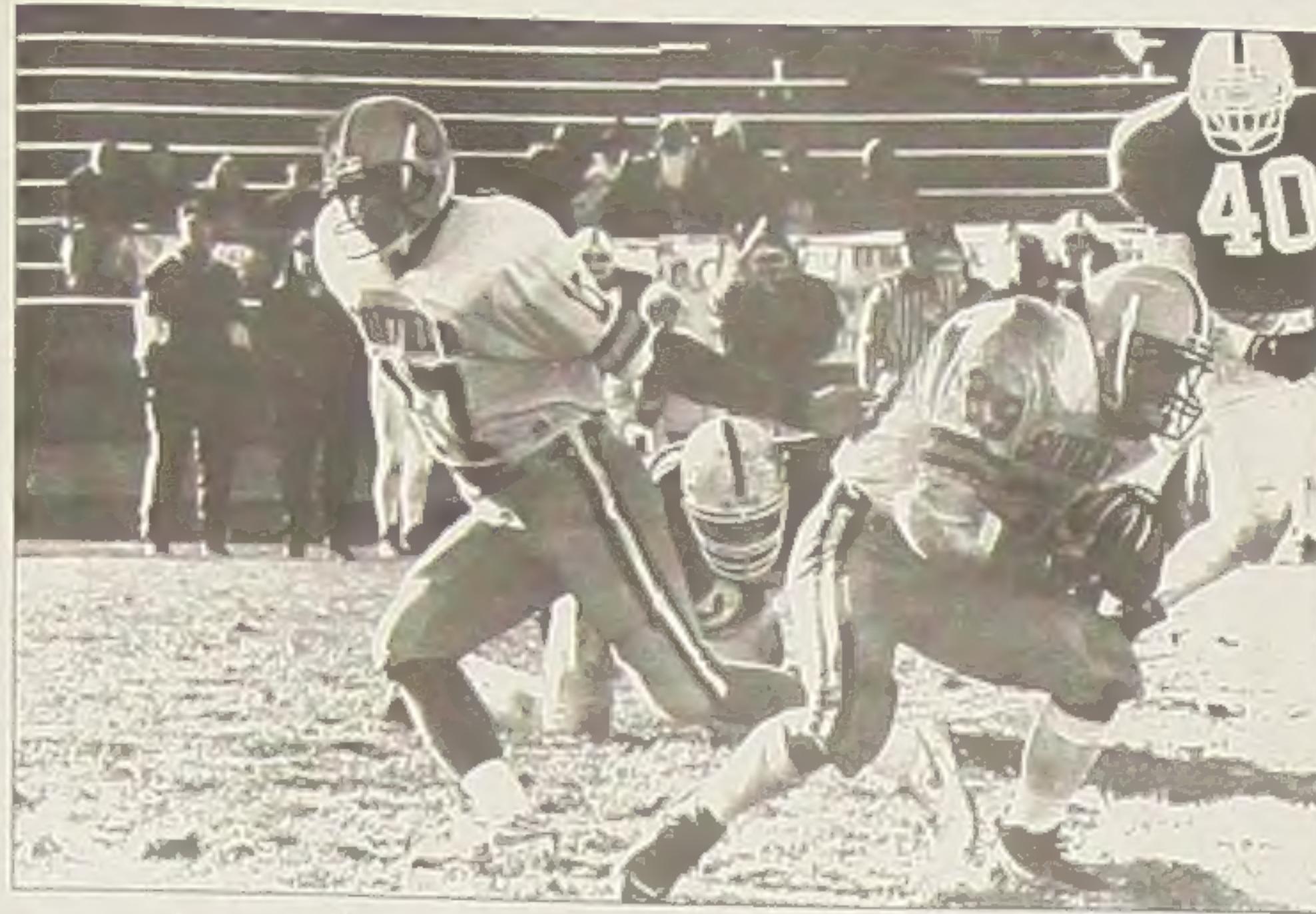
"It all started with his interception against Central Missouri," he said. "You always look to your senior leader to get you going."

Lantz said he had two goals heading into the match-up last weekend.

"We wanted our seniors to leave on a winning note, and we were able to accomplish that," he said. "We wanted our underclassmen to win for a different reason—to gain momentum going into the off-season."

The Southern coaching staff will focus on solidifying its senior-to-be defensive line core of Richard Jordan, Joe Streich, and Steve Halvorson. Lantz also said juniors Matt Wehner, Rob Townsend, and Gina Pierce will play important roles in the Lions' secondary.

"[Next year] the No. 1 leadership class is this year's junior class, and now they have to step up and be seniors and not wait until next August," he said. □



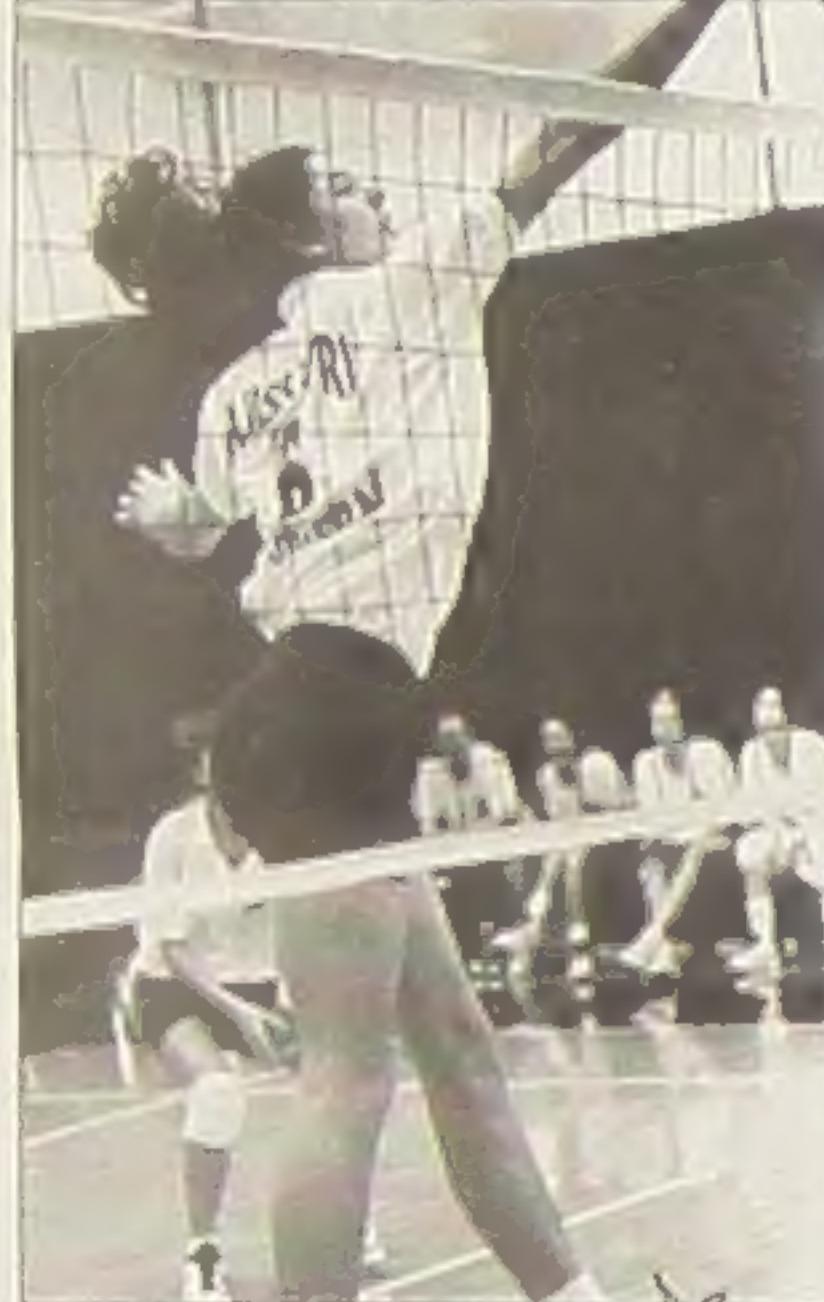
DEBORAH SOLOMON/The Chart

On his final appearance in a Lion uniform, Albert Bland (right) takes a handoff from sophomore quarterback David Haug. Bland finished the season with 1,018 rushing yards and leaves with numerous rushing records.

VOLLEYBALL

Southern finishes in 4th place

By NICK PARKER
SPORTS EDITOR



DEBORAH SOLOMON/The Chart

Sophomore Stephanie Gockley pounds the ball over the net during Southern's final game.

Hopes of advancing to post-season play disappeared last weekend as the Lady Lion volleyball squad lost to Washburn 15-3, 15-10, 15-17, and 15-9.

"Washburn played really well," senior hitter Lyn Dee Harrelson said. "It was the last tournament of the year and it was at home. They came out really fired up. They dug a lot of balls, and they beat us."

Harrelson said she thought everyone was a little disappointed that they did not do their part to help the Lady Lions advance to post-season play. But she thinks they are generally pleased with their overall performance this season.

"It was disappointing, but we are pleased with how we did this season," she said.

Southern, 27-7 overall, finished fourth in the MIAA with a 13-5 mark.

Junior Neely Burkhart agreed.

"There are two ways to look at this," she said. "It's really disap-

pointing now, but we have a strong nucleus coming back. We should have a good season next year."

Harrelson expects the Lady Lions to continue their improvement next season, even though she won't be around.

"This year we were more confident mentally, and at this level you need a lot of confidence," she said. "This year we were older and mentally better. I think next year they'll be just as good if not better."

Southern's season was highlighted by its first-ever victory over Central Missouri State University (34-6 overall, 16-2 MIAA). Missouri-St. Louis (25-10, 14-4) dealt the Jennies their other conference loss. Southern defeated each of its MIAA opponents at least once during the season. Harrelson said she was generally pleased with the way things turned out.

"It would've been a great thing to have advanced," she said. "Otherwise, though, I'm very happy with the way it all turned out. I can look back and say we were pretty good." □

CROSS COUNTRY

Wilks to run at nationals

Sophomore Jon Wilks will run in the NCAA Division II cross country finals Saturday in Spartanburg, S.C.

The race begins at 1 p.m., and soon after, coach Tom Rutledge will know if his star runner is good enough to become an All-American.

"I hope to know about 1:31.08," Rutledge said, "because if he finishes in 31 minutes, 8 seconds, he's an All-American."

Wilks failed to return phone calls to *The Chart* and was unavailable for comment.

The last All-American male runner from Southern was Jason Riddle in 1993.

Rutledge said Wilks' dedication has been the guiding light toward his success.

"Jon has been able to make all those workouts, and so therefore success was inevitable," he said.

Wilks' goal for the year was to make it to the national meet, Rutledge said.

"That's what our goal was, and now he gets to dance another week or two," Rutledge said. "I'm happy for Jon because a lot of people don't get a chance to go to the dance."

Rutledge said he thinks Wilks has a shot at the top 25, but that the sophomore would have to run "the race of his life." □

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BASKETBALL PREVIEW

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Lions hope for offensive 'spark'

Revamped squad takes the floor Saturday vs. PSU

By RICK ROGERS
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Head coach Robert Corn and Missouri Southern basketball Lions hope the lucky No. 7 will bring good fortune with a revamped basketball squad.

The Lions have been picked to finish seventh in the MIAA's pre-season poll.

Southern finished ninth in the conference last season at 6-10 and 11-15 overall.

Corn said even though his squad's pre-season ranking has stayed the same two years in a

row, he thinks this year's ending could be a different story.

"We are kind of an unknown commodity because we only have three guys returning, and I feel seventh is very realistic," he said. "Will I be happy finishing seventh? No. There is only one team happy to finish where they are picked, and that is the team that is picked first."

With the loss of forward Terrance Sisson, who averaged 24.5 points a game in his final season, Corn is looking for a new offensive spark.

It might be 6-foot-4 senior forward Kevin Shorter, who averaged 13.8 points per game last year. Other key returnees include Iric Farmer, a 6-6 senior center who was second on the team in rebounding, and junior forward

Greg Ray, a three-point specialist.

Eddie Reece, a 5-11 senior point guard who averaged 14.3 points a game before leaving the squad after only seven games, and 6-7 junior center Joe Drum have also returned to the Lions.

"We have five guys who have a feel for what we want to do," Corn said. "Then we have seven new players. I think we have 12 guys on one team who can play."

Corn said another reason he is optimistic about the upcoming season is the trio of freshmen who will make their official debut for the Lions Saturday against Pittsburg State.

"Anytime you can get playing time as a freshman it is going to make you a better basketball player," he said. "I think all three of our freshmen will get time, but

how much remains to be seen.

"I'm really high on all three, and I think all of them will make great basketball players."

Corn said Brian Taylor, a 6-4 guard who averaged 18.7 points a game at Joplin High School as a senior, and 6-9 center Matt Olsen, a Neosho product, could supply some inside power.

Corn will look to 6-2 junior Herman Clay, a transfer from Forest Park Community College, and 6-1 junior guard Lance Robbins to solidify the guard position.

"We have four really strong guards, which allow us to have many different combinations with our four guards," Corn said. "The thing that you look for from any kind of transfer is that they have played two years of college basket-

ball. They should come in more prepared and ready to play quicker than a freshman would."

Even though Central Missouri State University made it to the quarterfinals of last year's NCAA Division II playoffs, Washburn University is picked to win the MIAA. Corn said he thinks the league race is wide open.

CMSU and Missouri Western rounds out the conference's pre-season top three.

"The first three teams were picked on what they did last year," Corn said. "They deserve to be there until someone proves they can knock those teams off. All those teams lost key players and they're still unproven, yet you know they are going to have a good year because they bring in good players."

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Corn teaches basketball, life

By RYAN BRONSON
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

Men's basketball coach Robert Corn sees a welcomed challenge in teaching his players—not just about the game of basketball, but about the game of life.

Corn, who once played at Missouri Southern, took over as head coach in 1989.

Since then, he has taken the men's basketball program to a different level—the level it was at when he played here 11 years before his return to the Lions.

"My senior year here we went 27-9," Corn said. "It was the most victories that the school ever had. We were a very, very good basketball team. The one characteristic that stands out in my mind about that team and about our team that won the MIAA [post-season tournament] in 1992-93 is that those two teams had a lot of toughness."

"That's what it takes to be successful at the college level. You've got to have that toughness and you have to be a good defensive team. I think we have the capabilities of doing that."

Michael Wilson has been the assistant for Corn since he took over for Chuck Williams,

who resigned under fire after back-to-back dismal seasons.

Wilson said Corn's biggest strength is his attitude with the players.

"He came in together when things weren't so good," Wilson said. "He treats the players very well. He's a players' coach. The players really know where he's coming from."

Corn said his favorite part of coaching is the teaching aspect.

"We have a lot of new players this season, so there are a lot of teaching situations," he said. "The teaching aspect has been met with open arms. They guys have a willingness to learn, they play extremely hard, and they're having fun on the floor."

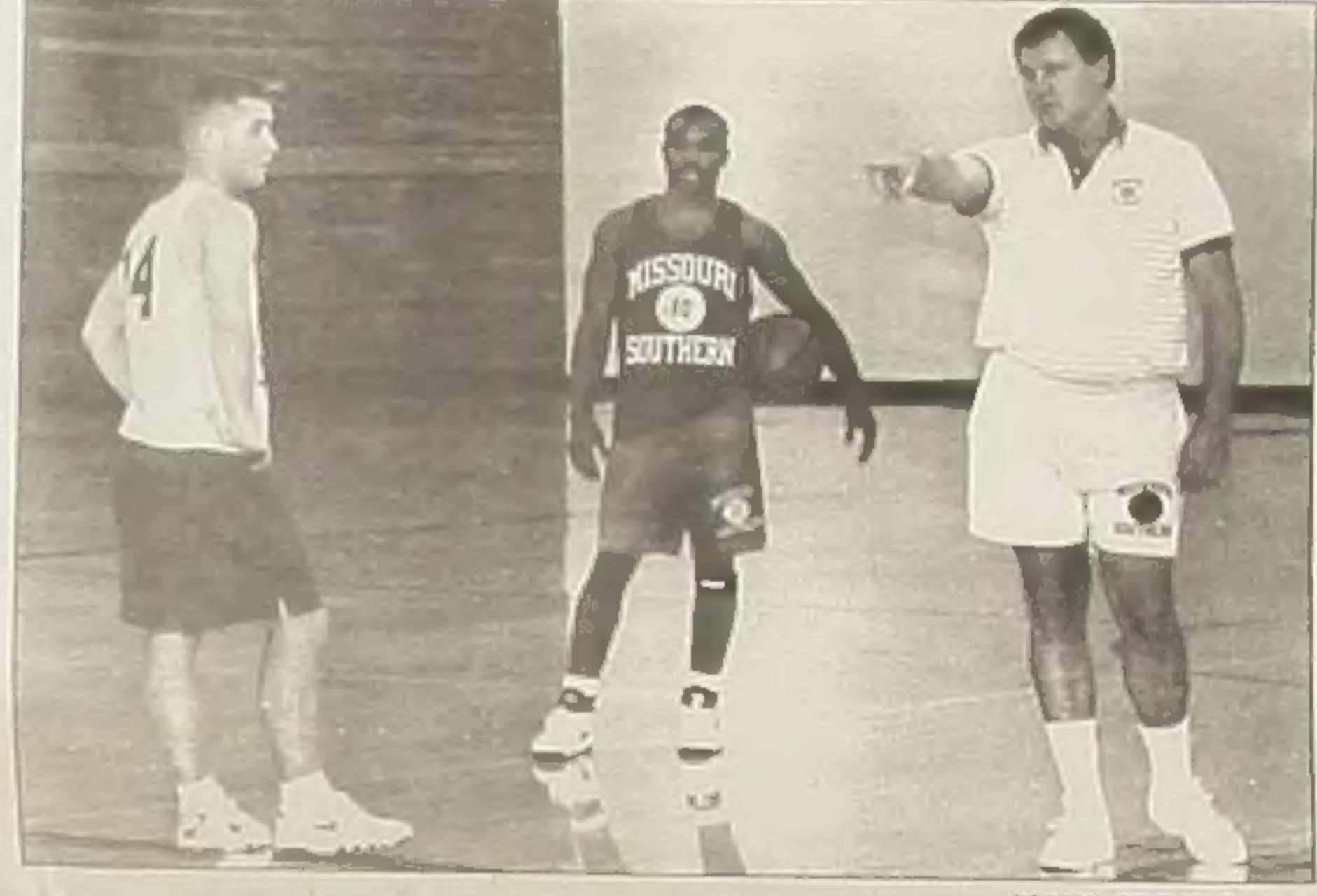
Corn makes it clear to his players that basketball isn't everything.

"There is life after basketball," he said. "Our players are graduating, and that is something we really stress. In the long haul, that's more important than winning or losing basketball games."

Wilson, who also teaches Lifetime Wellness classes, has worked with Corn to instill life goals into the players.

"Practice and games are just a small part," Wilson said. "It is very important that our players do well in the classroom."

In the past six years, it hasn't been a cakewalk. Wilson's wife, Diana, died of cancer in 1990, and Chris Tucker, an All-American center who had close ties to Corn and his family, died in a car wreck in July 1994.



Robert Corn, Lion head coach, points out directions to Lance Robbins (left) and Eddie Reece. Corn and the Lions will begin their season at 7:30 p.m. Saturday night against the Pittsburg State Gorillas.

gives you is that in order to play you have to be disciplined," he said. "You have to be disciplined as a team and you have to have self-discipline. Self-discipline is what carries over to your everyday life."

Besides discipline, Corn said basketball gives his players a strong work ethic and loyalty.

"There are very few jobs that I know of that are going to allow you to just show up, punch the clock, and go home. So I think basketball instills that work ethic that I think you have to have to be successful."

"I think loyalty is very important in today's society as well. You have to be loyal to the company you're working for, you have to be loyal to the person you're working for."

Those three things are really ingrained into you, hopefully, through athletics that carry over into your life after athletics."

Just to show how compatible Corn and Wilson have been over the years, both coaches have the same philosophy about their own work and their future in the program.

"I don't look at this as a job," Wilson said. "When I do, I'm going to get out of it. Not many people can say that."

Corn can.

"Once I start going up on the practice floor and I feel like it's a job, then it's time to move on," Corn said. "That time hasn't come yet."

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Kaifes chooses coaching over waiting tables

Carrie Kaifes, Lady Lion head basketball coach, explains a drill during practice Wednesday afternoon. Southern begins its season Saturday.

Tomboy follows in father's footsteps, now a coach herself

By USA BUFFINGTON
CHART REPORTER

It's no surprise a tomboy would emerge from a girl growing up with five brothers and a sports-minded father.

Carrie Kaifes, women's head basketball coach, remembers spending every possible moment with her father, a high school coach.

"I went everywhere with my dad," she said. "He coached every sport, and of all the kids in my family, I was the one who went to every game."

Kaifes, 32, came to Missouri Southern two years ago. Prior to her arrival, she was head coach at Pratt Community College and at Southwestern College, both in Kansas, where she coached basketball as well as track.

After several years of directing intramurals, coaching, and teaching, Kaifes considered a career move.

"I quit everything because I wanted to be a waitress. I then said 'No, no, no,' I wanted to stay with basketball."

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Kaifes learned of the assistant coach opening at Southern from Carolyn Richards, who had resigned to take a similar position at Central Missouri State University.

"She told me to come down here," Kaifes said. "I got the job, and everything has worked out well for me."

Kaifes attended Kansas City Community College, where she played basketball and ran track.

She transferred to Sterling College for two years before moving on to Emporia (Kan.) State University, where she earned her master's degree in physical education.

Kaifes, born and raised in Kansas City, credits her determination to her parents.

"My parents are proud of me," she said, "but my mother would rather see me married and have a few kids. I would love for it to be that

way, but it hasn't happened yet."

Kaifes, in a serious car accident on Sept. 5, said her parents came to her aid while she was recuperating.

"It was the first time I hadn't ever worn my seat belt," she said. "God was with me because I wouldn't be alive today if I hadn't flown out of the car."

She suffered several breaks in her pelvis and tailbone along with serious bruises to her head and body.

Kaifes claims her "girls" have been supportive during her recovery, and though she still has a long way to go, she considers herself lucky to be walking again.

"I love being with the girls," she said. "I adapt easily to them, and they are good for me."

Centers hoping to fill big shoes

By RICK ROGERS
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

With the graduation of forward Terrance Sisson, who led Missouri Southern in scoring and rebounding last season, the basketball Lions put out the call for a dominant force under the basket.

Three centers, ranging from 6-foot-6 to 6-9, have responded to head coach Robert Corn's request.

The only returning center for the Lions is 6-6 senior Iric Farmer. Farmer, who transferred from East Central Community College (Union, Mo.), was Southern's second-leading rebounder behind Sisson.

Farmer, who averaged 9.4 points and 6.9 rebounds per game in 1994-95, said he thinks this year's squad might have a better work ethic.

"We are putting forth the effort this season," he said. "Our skills may not be as sharp as last year, but we are definitely working harder. That is what makes a winning team."

Corn said Farmer brings experience to the Lions' younger core of players.

"He played a lot last year," Corn said. "I feel like he can give us some leadership through his experiences last season with the program."

Farmer agreed with Corn on his leadership status, but said he still wants to be his own person.

"I need to just step up and let people know what is right and wrong," he said.

"They just need to look and learn. Everybody makes mistakes. Maybe they can learn from them and learn from me, too. Nobody is perfect."

"I don't want to be a role model, but I do want to be a leader."

Farmer has a simple goal for the Lions this season—win.

"I would like to see us win 25 games or more," he said. "Last

year was my first losing season ever playing basketball in my whole career. I don't ever want to go through that again."

After taking a season off for personal reasons, 6-7 junior Joe Drum has returned to the Lions.

Drum, a part of Southern's 1992-93 and 1993-94 squads, said his decision to return to the game was something he thought about for some time.

"I talked to coach and asked him if I could come back mainly because I just missed the game," Drum said. "It was basically my own decision. I just really wanted to be a part of the program again."

Drum, who averaged 2.7 points as a freshman and 3.3 as a sophomore, said he could see no negative aspects to his decision.

"Through basketball you can learn a lot of things," he said. "It teaches you to work hard in class and on the court. You get out of it what you put into it."

Corn said when a player takes a year off, it takes a while for him to get back in the swing of things, but for Drum that wasn't the case.

"I think the year off has really helped him," Corn said. "Just from the standpoint that his court awareness is a lot better and he is a lot more sure of himself."

Because Drum grew up in Smithton, Mo., a rural community of 500 residents east of Sedalia, he has enjoyed the opportunity to live and play basketball in Joplin.

"There was not much to do in my hometown compared to Joplin," he said.

"There is a lot more to do in Joplin, and you get to meet and talk to some interesting people."

Being the youngest of the three centers does not seem to bother 6-9 Neosho High School product Matt Olson.

Olson, who averaged 17 points and 10 rebounds for the Wildcats his senior season, said he thinks the Lions have a chance to be a title contender.

"We are really quick in our

CHART BASKETBALL PREVIEW



DEBORAH SOLOMON/The Chart

(From left) Iric Farmer, Matt Olson, and Joe Drum are the trio of centers for the Lions. Head coach Robert Corn and his team are hoping to make waves this year. Farmer, a 6-foot-6 senior, is the only returning player in the group.

guards, and we also have some added some height," he said. "We will be able to balance it well inside and out and be able to get our opponents both ways."

Olson said everyday is a learning experience, whether he's in the classroom or on the court.

"Right now, I am just going to go wherever coach tells me to," he said.

"I am learning a lot from Iric and Joe, so I am just going to fit in wherever I can."

Olson, an honor student with a 29 ACT composite, said balancing basketball and the books has become a juggling act since practice started.

"It wasn't too bad at first, but right now it has started to get to me," he said.

"It isn't too bad; you just have to know how to budget your time and devote enough to each."

Corn said Olson has the ability to become one of the stronger centers in the MIAA in the next four years.

"He has a bright future and will be a dominant force in the middle for us in the years to come," he said. □

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Test begins soon for new coach, new team

By NICK PARKER
SPORTS EDITOR

Without playing any games yet, it is difficult for Carrie Kaifes to determine the outlook of her team.

"We look good so far, but it's the non-conference games that will decide how to improve," said Kaifes, the women's head basketball coach.

"She is very, very good," Kaifes said. "She is happy with herself, and the harder she plays, the better she is."

Bailey and Cunningham, who has moved to the outside, will be counted on to lead the Lady Lions' long-range assault.

Shaw will be asked to step up from her platoon role a season ago.

"Mandy Shaw is a great

passer, a great rebounder, and she has a real nice touch to her shot," Kaifes said. "I expect a lot from her."

Southern tied for second place in the MIAA last season with a 13-3 league mark.

The Lady Lions were 20-9 overall.

The preseason coaches' poll placed the Lady Lions fourth behind Pittsburg State University, Central Missouri, and Washburn.

Kaifes said she expects to finish higher than that, and the girls expect to win it all.

"Defensively we are very good; offensively we are very good," Kaifes said.

"We are a very well-rounded team. We're strong, and we will do a lot we've never done before."

"The girls will have fun and they will learn basketball." □

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Transfers bring depth, experience to Lady Lions

By NICK PARKER
SPORTS EDITOR

Four transfers are expected to energize the 1995-96 Lady Lions.

Senior April Bailey (Northeastern State) and juniors Nicole Heinz (Butler County Community College), Amy Phillips (Joliet Junior College), and Marie Scott (Westark Community College) bring depth and experience to the team.

"We know what it's like to win; we know what it takes," Scott said.

Head coach Carrie Kaifes said she has high expectations for her four transfers.

"We expect her (Scott) winning to carry over, and she does, too," Kaifes said. "Nicole's team at Butler took second in their region. They did a lot because of her and what she did."

Heinz said the rest of the team knows the winning feeling as well.

"We all at one point have been in a winning program, so we all know what it takes," she said.

The four have adjusted well to their new surroundings and are

enjoying themselves under Kaifes.

"I think she's doing a fine job," Phillips said. "She coached under former head coach Scott Ballard, so it's not like she's new to the program. She's doing a great job, especially after her accident."

Scott will play forward and center for the Lady Lions.

Kaifes said Scott not only plays well inside but adds a three-point dimension.

Bailey will play both inside and outside.

Phillips will take a forward position while Heinz will assume the point role.

Kaifes said Heinz will be a good floor leader.

"She sometimes doesn't talk loudly enough," she said. "but she'll learn. She'll surprise everyone."

Scott has an extra reason to be happy as a Lady Lion.

"I had never heard of Southern until my fiance (men's forward Kevin Shorter) came here," she said.

"I don't mean to brag, but I could have gone to a lot of Division I schools. I came because of Kevin." □



FEKAUD KIROS/The Chart
The Lady Lions four new transfers (from left) April Bailey, Marie Scott, Nicole Heinz, and Amy Phillips hope to bring success for first-year head coach Carrie Kaifes. The Lady Lions tip-off their season Friday.

Thursday, November 16, 1995

Around the MIAA

- 1. Pittsburg State
 - Head Coach: Steve High
 - 94-95 Record: 22-7/11-5
 - Top Returns:
 - Jerry Pracht, 5-11, sr, F, 17.8 Ppg, 6.8 Rbpg
 - Jenn Miller, 5-9, sr, F, 17.5 Ppg, 4.6 Rbpg
 - Lisa Crapper, 5-8, sr, G, 13.7 Ppg, 5.3 Rbpg
 - Top Newcomers:
 - Kelly Herren, 5-5, Jr, G
 - Jamie Osborn, 5-5, Jr, G
 - Megan Reid, 5-11, Jr, F
- 2. Central Missouri
 - Head Coach: Scott Ballard
 - 94-95 Record: 17-10/8-4
 - Top Returns:
 - Rachel Matzka, 5-2, sr, C, 24.6 Ppg, 13.9 Rbpg
 - Alison Murphy, 5-6, sr, G, 6.9 Ppg, 3.1 Rbpg
 - Amy Feuerborn, 5-11, Jr, F, 13.1 Ppg, 4.8 Rbpg
 - Top Newcomers:
 - Gretchen Lacy, 6-0, Jr, C
 - Beth Paschal, 5-8, Jr, G
 - Kristie Nelson, 5-7, K, G
- 3. Washburn
 - Head Coach: Paty Dick
 - 94-95 Record: 24-7/13-3
 - Top Returns:
 - Nikk Oberding, 5-11, sr, F, 12.2 Ppg, 5.3 Rbpg
 - Ebara Rediger, 5-11, sr, C, 5.4 Ppg, 4.8 Rbpg
 - Stacy Neal, 5-6, sr, G, 10.4 Ppg, 2.3 Rbpg
 - Top Newcomers:
 - Stacy WeWe, 5-8, Jr, G
 - Emily Shopp, 6-0, Jr, G
 - Amy Helm, 5-8, Jr, G
- 4. Missouri Southern
 - Head Coach: Carrie Kaifes
 - 94-95 Record: 20-9/13-3
 - Top Returns:
 - Melissa Grider, 5-7, sr, G, 14.1 Ppg, 2.9 Rbpg
 - Mandy Shaw, 6-2, Jr, C, 7.8 Ppg, 4.9 Rbpg
 - Sandra Cunningham, 5-9, sr, G, 5.5 Ppg, 3.0 Rbpg
 - Top Newcomers:
 - Nicole Herzer, 5-6, Jr, G
 - April Bailey, 6-0, sr, F
 - Maria Scott, 5-1, Jr, F-C
- 5. Southwest Baptist
 - Head Coach: Jim Middleton
 - 94-95 Record: 16-8/10-6
 - Top Returns:
 - Christine Beck, 5-1, sr, C, 13.9 Ppg, 8.1 Rbpg
 - Juli Wilbers, 6-2, sr, C, 6.5 Ppg, 5.2 Rbpg
 - Jennifer Rieke, 5-9, sr, G, 11.9 Ppg, 4.7 Rbpg
 - Top Newcomers:
 - Mark Haspon, 5-11, Jr, F
 - Eric Henderson, 6-0, Jr, F
 - Heather Speigel, 5-5, Jr, G
- 6. Missouri Western
 - Head Coach: David Siller
 - 94-95 Record: 31-3/15-1
 - Top Returns:
 - Tom Wood, 5-6, Jr, G, 12.3 Ppg, 5.1 Rbpg
 - Andrea Divers, 5-11, sr, F, 7.9 Ppg, 5.0 Rbpg
 - Top Newcomers:
 - Brooke Gilens, 5-11, Jr, F
 - Jonny Man, 6-0, Jr, F
 - Laurie Miller, 5-8, Jr, F
- 7. Missouri-Rolla
 - Head Coach
 - 94-95 Record: 15-11/9-7
 - Top Returns:
 - Becky Reichard, 5-5, sr, G, 16.5 Ppg, 2.9 Rbpg
 - Christie Williams, 5-7, sr, G, 8.1 Ppg, 2.8 Rbpg
 - Heather Hartman, 6-7, Jr, C, 10.2 Ppg, 5.9 Rbpg
 - Top Newcomers:
 - Lindsay Wright, 5-10, Jr, F
 - Beth Ragedale, 5-6, Jr, G
 - Kim Quinn, 5-9, sr, F
- 8. Emporia State
 - Head Coach: Cindy Stein
 - 94-95 Record: 11-15/11-11
 - Top Returns:
 - Elizabeth Rulon, 5-8, Jr, F, 14.0 Ppg, 6.2 Rbpg
 - Dawn Groneweller, 6-1, sr, C, 12.3 Ppg, 7.1 Rbpg
 - Stacy Humphrey, 6-2, sr, F, 11.7 Ppg, 5.8 Rbpg
 - Top Newcomers:
 - Joyce Burnett, 5-5, Jr, G
 - Carolyn Oseef, 5-10, sr, F
 - Jessica Shores, 5-4, Jr, C
- 9. Northwest Missouri
 - Head Coach: Wayne Winstead
 - 94-95 Record: 11-15/4-12
 - Top Returns:
 - Amy Kohn, 5-9, sr, G, 9.6 Ppg, 3.2 Rbpg
 - Leigh Rasmussen, 6-0, Jr, F, 7.9 Ppg, 7.2 Rbpg
 - Top Newcomers:
 - Pam Cummings, 5-8, sr, G, 7.8 Ppg, 2.4 Rbpg
- 10. Northeast Missouri
 - Head Coach: Karen Nichols
 - 94-95 Record: 8-17, 5-11
 - Top Returns:
 - Kris Brown, 5-7, sr, G, 18.1 Ppg, 6.6 Rbpg
 - Amy Alford, 5-1, sr, F, 14.8 Ppg, 8.3 Rbpg
 - Natalie O'Farrell, 5-10, sr, F, 10.9 Ppg, 6.0 Rbpg
 - Top Newcomers:
 - Amy Eagen, 5-6, Jr, G
 - Deana Apulbary, 5-7, Jr, G
 - Michelle Hogan, 5-3, Jr, G
 - Krysia Logan, 6-0, Jr, F
- 11. Missouri-St. Louis
 - Head Coach: Jim Coen
 - 94-95 Record: 7-19/2-14
 - Top Returns:
 - D.J. Martin, 5-6, sr, G, 11.7 Ppg, 7.0 Rbpg
 - Niki Christ, 5-7, sr, G, 11.5 Ppg, 5.8 Rbpg
 - Top Newcomers:
 - Deana Apulbary, 5-7,